January 16, 2008

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

# Re: Ex Parte Filing in WT Docket No. 06-49: Petition for Reconsideration of Progeny LMS LLC Transfer of Control Application

FCC,

The undersigned parties are filing the attachment hereto, a certain Petition for Reconsideration, in the above-noted docket since matters in the Petition for Reconsideration are relevant to matters in this docket. The relevance was previously explained by the undersigned parties in a filing in this docket submitted on May 7, 2007, a copy of which is Exhibit 2 in the attached Petition for Reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

[Submitted Electronically. Signature on File]

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# Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter Of

Progeny LMS LLC Transfer of Control Application from Progeny LMS LLC to Progeny LMS Holdings LLC

File No. 0003250058

Required Notification of Transfer of Control

File No. 0003274382

To: Office of the Secretary.

Attn: Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Petition for Reconsideration

And in the Alternative, Petition to Deny or Request under Section 1.41

Errata Copy\*\*\*\*

Telesaurus Holdings GB LLC ("THL"), Intelligent Transportation & Monitoring Wireless LLC ("ITL"), AMTS Consortium LLC ("ACL"), and Telesaurus-VPC LLC ("TVL"), along with Warren Havens ("Petitioners") hereby submit under 47 CFR §1.106 this Petition for Reconsideration, or in the alternative, Petition to Deny or Request under Section 1.41 (the "Recon" or "Petition") regarding: (i) the above-referenced transfer of control application (File No. 0003250058) (the "Application"), that purports to transfer control in the licensee, Progeny LMS LLC ("Progeny") to a "proposed" new entity, Progeny LMS Holdings LLC ("Holdings"), (ii) the related required notification (File No. 0003274382) (the "Notification"), and (iii) the FCC grant and acceptance of the Application and Notice (the "Grant"). For the following reasons, Petitioners request that the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the "Bureau") grant this Recon and the relief it requests, which in sum is: to reverse the Grant, deny the Application, cancel the licenses held by Progeny and offer them to the actual qualified high bidder in the

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> In this Errata Copy: (1) Changes are shown in standard "redline" markup (underlining and

red, and strikeout). Also, page numbers are added in the Contents section, and centering of a few section titles is made. (2) Exhibit 2, that was separately filed on ULS, in inserted here in it place. (3) We attach before the Certificates of Service the ULS receipts confirming filing.

subject, first LMS auction, which for most of the licenses was Warren Havens, the controlling interest in Petitioners. At minimum, based on the evidence presented herein, and otherwise in the record, the FCC must hold a formal evidentiary hearing, whether under 47 USC §309(d) and (e), or otherwise.

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### (i) Introduction and Summary

The Application was improperly submitted and granted under the immediate-approval rule section, since the conditions required were clearly not satisfied, as shown below. Further, the existing Progeny entity (prior to the subject transfer proposed in the Application, the "Transfer) changed ownwership without informing the FCC as required, and there is not information or evidence as to who is in control prior to the Transfer, or after the Transfer. Listing percentages has no bearing on control, where such percentages are described imprecisely and various as percentages of "interest" in the named entity, "own[ership]" the named entity, or simply a percent "of" the named entity. Unless the entity is a general parethership and the interest is as a general partner, stating that one has a percent "ownership," or "interest," or "of" and entity does not disclose control or lack of control. Further, Holdings is described as a proposed entity, and an Application cannot be granted based on a proposed entity. An existing legal entity exists based on its proper formation and registration under a particular State law and registration requirements, whereupon the entity is stated as an existing entity domiciled in said State. This strange, vague vauge, and ineffective disclosure of the most fundamental of FCC requirements: who is the real party (or control group) in control, or proposed to be in control, is, notably, consistent with the history of Progeny from its inception.

Progeny (Progeny LMS LLC) <u>did not exist</u> when an entity using the name Progeny (whose FRN and Tax ID were of another Progeny" entity, not Progeny LMS LLC) applied for and participated in, to its end, the first LMS license auction (the "<u>Actual Progeny Applicant</u>"). After that auction, Mr. Nick Frenzel and supporting associates, attempted to, without the required most fundamental disclosures, and in a private proceeding, <sup>1</sup> convince the FCC that Mr.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The FCC put some matters relating to this post-auction application of Mr. Frenzel on Public Notice, but did not disclose the nature of the many rule waivers that would be needed if said

Frenzel, a very experienced and wealthy businessman, on boards of many large entities, never knew until after the auction that he was not listed as the real, 100% interest holder and controller of the auction Actual Progeny Applicant (but he still wired the funds to the FCC for said Applicant). For this purpose, Mr. Frenzel falsely represented that he had no affiliates (both his wife [deemed to be co-controller, and thus, her affiliates to be counted also] and the many large companies he was a Director of, and others) (the Actual Progeny Applicant obtained and used in the auction a 35% bidding credit), and failed to disclose that Progeny LMS LLC, that he used in his competing long form application to get the licenses granted to him (an entity with his 100%) ownership and control) was different from the Actual Auction Applicant and also did not even exist until after the Auction. In the preceding actions, there are many basic auction and licensing rules violated, that under FCC rules and FCC and Court precedents disqualify Mr. Frenzel's post-auction long-form application. These rules and their violations were never waived. As footnoted below, Petitioners at this time understand that it is due to Mr. Frenzel's false representations and failure to disclose that resulted in Progeny (Progeny LMS LLC) holding the LMS licenses subject of the instant Application.

The parties that will end up being in control, under the proposal in the Application (there is always a control group) which appear to be or certainly include Mr. Raj Singh, were put on notice of the essential defects in Progeny and in its LMS licenses indicated herein, directly by Warren Havens in oral and written communication with Mr. Singh, and in the FCC filing in Docket 06-49 included here as Exhibit 2 (Mr. Singh and his accociates participated in

application were to be granted. Nor were said waivers ever requested or granted. This essentially closed proceeding by which Mr. Frenzel ended up controlling the subject 200-plus LMS licenses, in an entity that did not even participate in the Auction, is beyond the scope and authority of any proceeding permissible under the Communications Act or the Administrative Procedures Act. It is a proper matter for a proceeding under the Federal False Claims Act. At this point, as indicated herein and in the previously submitted Exhibit B, Petitioners understand that FCC staff were not presented at least some of essential information that is noted in this Petition.

that docket, including in ex parte in-person meetings before the FCC accompanying Mr. Frenzel and attorneys representing Mr. Frenzel and Progeny. Thus, said new parties with interest and control, or shared control in Progeny under the Application, thus share liability with Mr. Frenzel and others who controlled or knowingly benefited from Progeny prior to the Transfer sought in the Application. The FCC does not allow transfers or assignments for purposes of laundering defects in the original licensee and its licenses. It should not do so in this case.

For these reasons, further discussed below, the relief sought in this Petition, noted above, should be granted.

#### 1. Procedural Defects Concerning the Immediate Approval

See Exhibit 1 hereto: As indicated at the bottom of the exhibit, immediate approval was improper to grant including since (1) The Application was incomplete for reasons indicated above, and further below, (2) The Certifications were false, including due to such incompleteness, (3) To be granted as submitted, the Application required waivers, including for reasons noted above and further below, (4) the subject licenses were indeed subject to pending challenge ("pending issue as to whether the license is subject to revocation, cancellation, or termination"): these include the pending Application for Review filed by Petitioners, Warren Havens, with regard to the Progeny licenses construction deadline extension request, and related matters of automatic termination for lack of timely construction. As a matter of law, including FCC rules (e.g., see Section 1.65) a matter is pending while it is on administrative review.

Clearly, the rationale for automatic approval is administrative efficiency, where grant could not be subject to challenge due to any pending matter challenging the underling licenses. Otherwise, said matter may well be brought with regard to the Application, and it may be most efficient for the FCC staff to decide on the two matters together, or in any case to decide which to process

first, as well as to have the opportunity to consider the information in said challenge before granting the Application.

#### 2. Other Procedural Defects

2.a The Holdings Entity Is Proposed Only, and the Application Cannot Be Granted Based Upon a Non-Existent Entity

As indicated in the Introduction and Summary ("Summary"), the Application proposes as new entity, Holdings. (Attachment 1). An entity that does not yet exist, or one that does exisit but is not identified (a legal entity, including a LLC, exists only as created under and registered under the laws and procedures of a particular State, with a registered agent for service of process, and a way for interested parties to verify existence in good standing, etc.). The Application fails on this basis alone and must be denied.

2.b. Failure to Disclose the Control Group Identities, and the Failure to Disclose Alleged Past Ownership Changes that May Have (Among Other Violations and Unfairness) Required Unjust Enrichment Payments.

As indication in the Summary, there is no explanation in the Application, including in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A and B, as to who controls the pre-Application-Grant Progeny, or the post-Application-Grant Progeny. Certainly, the Post-Grant Progeny control is not disclosed. It is fundamental in FCC rules (and corporate law, and all contracts and transactions by a legal entity), that the authority or control in the entity be disclosed, and acts taken that are authorized by the controlling party or under its control structure. This includes the FCC explanations in the bidding rules, Subpart Q, as to there always being a party or a group in control. Such rules and explanations state that where there is no one person or entity with the ultimate control, and the control is shared by a group, then all of the owners and parties with any of the control (any rights that may participate in control and ultimate decision making) must be disclosed. The Application failed to do so, and on that basis along fails and must be denied. As for the pre-

Application-Grant Progeny, that entity never filed with the FCC the required Form 602 reporting a change of control from 100 percent ownership and control by Nick Frenzel, reported when he initially obtained the grant of the licenses by the "competitive" form 601 described in the Summary above, to the 51% ownership reported in the Application (and the baldly asserted remaining de factor and de jure control noted in Progeny the Application). Such change in ownership may have included parties with shared control, and may have involved affiliates and attribution of gross income under Designated Entity rules.

3. The Progeny Licenses are Invalid, and Progeny Disqualified as a Licensee, Due to the Licenses Being Obtained by False and Fraudulent Application Representations.

Reasons are given in the Summary above. Further reasons are given in Exhibit 2/below.

4. The Proposed New Control Group Knew, or Should Have Known,
of the Above-Noted Licenses Invalidity and Licensee Fraud:
the Transfer of Control is Impermissible Laudering By Said New Control Group Persons,
and the Licensee in Any Case Cannot Escape the Liability

This is discussed in the Summary above. In addition, Warren Havens, under the Declaration provide below, states that <u>he</u> informed Mr. Raj Singh of the matters noted in the Summary, in an in-person meeting in late year 2006, and in follow-up written communication.

5. History of False Representations and Concealment, from the Original,
Extraordinary (Rule-and-Precedent Impermissible) Progeny "Competing"

Long Form; to Subsequent Concealment and Violations By Not Disclosing on Form 602

Ownership Changes; to the Current Application Failure to Disclose:

Never has Progeny and the Persons Involved Disclosed the
Required Truth of Ownership and Control

This is indicated in the Summary above, and in Exhibit 2 hereto, and in the records of the case in Indiana State court involving Mr. Frenzel and the person who controlled the Actual Progeny Applicant. Those, or some of those court documents are public. Apparently, the settlement between the litigants was not filed with the court, or if filed, is under seal. The FCC

should obtain a court order to obtain all documents in said litigation. Indeed, the FCC fundamentally erred in not doing that when reviewing Mr. Frenzel's post-auction "competing" long form. The Indiana court did not make any findings of fact or decision in support of Mr. Frenzel's claims to the FCC that resulted in his obtaining control of the Progeny licenses. Indeed, there are indications in the court documents that Mr. Freqnzel may have paid the defendant, who was actually in control – per all of the FFC FCC filings that counted, including the auction Form 175—to settle the case before the Court made findings of fact. A confidential court settlement is no basis for conclusion that either party was correct.

## <u>6. Anti-Competitive Behavior</u> and Ramifications Under the Communications Act

The actions of Progeny and Mr. Frenzel in obtaining control over the subject licenses, and not following fundamental auction rules is highly anticompetitive, and are proper matters for court review. The Communications Aact provides that if a court finds that a licensee s violated US antitrust law, then said licensee may loose its licenses and be barred from further licensing.

# 7. The Licenses Should be Cancelled, and Offerred to the Qualified High Bidder.

See the Attached cases, <u>Exhibit 3</u>. Applied to the facts at hand, this relief should be granted.

### 8. At Minimum: Full Evidentiary Hearing Required.

This is clear under 47 USC Section 309(d) and (e).

9. Bureau Staff Conduct and Decisions Should Be Openly Disclosed and Examined, Regarding this History;
Relevant Congressional Changes in FOIA; etc.

This is clear since the relief granted Mr. Frenzel to obtain the licenses was beyond the scope of authority in the Communications Act: it required waiver of many fundamental rules, and none were granted under the standards in Section 1.925.

## 10. Conclusions

The Petition should be granted for reasons stated.

## Respectfully submitted,

## [Submitted Electronically. Signature on File]

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January 11, 2008

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**Declaration** 

I, Warren C. Havens, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing Petition

was prepared pursuant to my direction and control and that all the factual statements and

representations contained herein are true and correct.

[Submitted Electronically. Signature on File.]

Warren C. Havens

Date: January 11, 2008

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#### Exhibit 1

Petitioners' representative, Jimmy Stobaugh, under direction of Warren Havens, called the FCC ULS staff with regard to the subject Application, inquiring as to how it was granted without being first placed on Public Notice. Said staff referred Mr. Stobaugh to Public Notice DA 05-2226 that allows for immediate approval of an assignment of authorization if certain conditions are met. This PN refers to Rule Section 1.948(j)(2) that provides, in relevant part:

(In the below, underlining and items in brackets are added.)

- (2) Immediate approval procedures. Applications that meet the requirements of paragraph (j)(2)(i) of this section qualify for the immediate approval procedures.
- (i) To qualify for the immediate approval procedures, the application must [1] be sufficiently complete, contain all necessary information and certifications (including those relating to eligibility, basic qualifications, and foreign ownership), and include payment of the requisite application fee(s), as required for an application processed under the general approval procedures set forth in paragraph (j)(1) of this section, and also must establish,[2] through certifications, that the following

additional qualifications are met:

\* \* \* \*

- (C) The assignment or transfer of control [3] <u>does not require a waiver</u> of, <u>or declaratory ruling</u> pertaining to, any applicable Commission rules, and [4] there <u>is no pending issue as to whether the license is subject to revocation, cancellation, or termination by the Commission</u>.

  \* \* \* \*
- (iii) Grant of consent to the application under these immediate approval procedures will be reflected in a public notice (see Sec. 1.933(a)) promptly issued after the grant, and [5] is subject to reconsideration (see Sec. Sec. 1.106(f), 1.108, 1.113).
- [1] The subject Application is not complete as required above.
- [2] Said Application's certifications are false, and the Application fails on that basis.
- [3] Said Application requires waivers or declaratory rulings, but the requests were not submitted and fees therefore were not submitted.
- [4] There are pending issues as to whether the licenses involves are subject to revocation, cancellation, or termination, including the pending challenge to the granted Progeny request to extend it first construction deadline and related request to terminate the licenses for failure to construct submitted by Petitioners. See Exhibit 2 below.

For the above reasons, the Application was defective, and, its Grant under the above "immediate approval" procedures was improper and must be rescinded and the Application denied.

Telesaurus JV
Telesaurus VPC LLC
AMTS Consortium LLC
Telesaurus Holdings GB LLC
Intelligent Transportation & Monitoring Wireless LLC



Nationwide spectrum & solutions for ITS & environment

Berkeley California

May 7, 2007

## <u>Telesaurus</u> Ex parte presentation in WT 06-49, LMS-M NPRM

Response to Progeny's letter of April 27, 2007

The letter from Progeny<sup>1</sup> dated April 27 2007 ("Progeny Letter") filed in this docket responds to the ex parte presentation that Telesaurus Holdings GB LLC ("Telesaurus"), the licensee of over 80% of the LMS-M A-block licensed spectrum in the nation, submitted in this docket ("Telesaurus Filing").<sup>2</sup>

All points in the Telesaurus Filing were relevant and central to the subject NPRM, and were also properly in response to the ongoing ex parte presentations of Progeny.<sup>3</sup>

The Progeny Letter fails to respond to any of the points made in the Telesaurus Filing other than with bald denials and diversions.

#### Progeny licenses invalid: the NPRM lacks foundation.

Progeny does not deny the facts asserted in the Telesaurus Filing; indeed, it cannot. See Exhibits 1 and 2 attached below: this evidence, from Progeny itself, demonstrates that Progeny violated numerous fundamental FCC rule requirements that result in the licenses being unlawfully obtained and invalid.

Such evidence is central to this NPRM since the NPRM was initiated and continues only due to Progeny's unilateral campaign<sup>4</sup> to force rule changes on all others in 902-928 MHz.

The letter suggests that the individual Havens, not Telesaurus, made the filing, apparently to avoid the substance. Havens holds no LMS licenses.

Progeny LMS LLC, an Indiana LLC, which holds LMS-M licenses.

Unlike the detailed written ex parte presentations by Telesaurus, the Progeny notices of ex parte meetings generally fail to provide sufficient description of the substance of the presentations.

If ever there was a case where changes in the fundamental rules of a radio service warranted diligent attempts by the party seeking the changes (and causing the NPRM) to seek consensus from the other authorized licensees and users of the band, it is this case. Indeed, the Commission made clear that in this 900 MHz ISM band, LMS-M licensees must, by rule (and by Commission Orders on said rule) act to reduce impact upon said other users. *Progeny made no such attempts*, apparently since, in objective discussion with informed parties, it would fail: it cannot even define the wireless services and technology it suggests require the rule changes, nor can it demonstrate need for rule changes,

Contrary to suggestions in the Progeny Letter, the Commission can at any time consider such evidence in the public interest, including under 47 USC §312(a), (1), (2) and (6). This section notes that the Commission may act on information that *comes to its attention*, and does not exclude obtaining such information in a NPRM proceeding or any other manner.

Counsel to and current or future interest holders in Progeny have legal obligations to not hide, obscure, or defend before the Commission rule violations and false statements it knows of or should know of.

#### **Procedural Matters**

The Progeny Letter states that the Telesaurus Filing was procedurally defective since it did not contain notice that it was an ex parte presentation.<sup>5</sup> Telesaurus regrets this oversight and called ESFC staff to ask if it should re-submit the filing with this notice added. EFCS staff investigated the matter, and advised Telesaurus that FCC staff would make the correction on its side. In any case, the Telesaurus Filing was concurrently submitted to FCC staff by email and by filing on ECFS: thus, Progeny and all others involved in this docket had full and timely access to the Filing.

The Progeny Letter speciously suggests that Telesaurus seeks to delay this proceeding. Telesaurus is solely defending Commission rules, the nation's essential need for ITS wireless, and its license rights and business plan. It is Progeny that is the sole cause of this extenuated proceeding, and Progeny that has lobbied FCC staff for years, and that has changed its position over and over.<sup>6</sup>

The Progeny Letter did not state what authority the signer asserts to have in Progeny. In any case, it had no response to the substance of the Telesaurus Filing.

Respectfully,

Telesaurus Holdings GB LLC,

By, Warren Havens, President

Attachments: 2 exhibits

including since LMS-M's current purposes—the nation's ITS--are vital and viable, expanding, and are largely avoid, in space and time, Part 15 uses.

The Progeny Letter at footnote 2 notes that the Telesaurus Filing did not contain a referenced attachment. That attachment is not needed for the purposes of said Filing.

Progeny knew or should have known that its unilateral attempt to change the existing balanced rules and adversely affect all others in this band would result in the extenuated adversarial proceeding that has resulted. The LMS rulemaking in the 1990's involved years and over 1,000 filings. After the Commission therein carefully crafted rules balancing user interests—and made entirely clear that LMS-M is for ITS wireless—along comes Progeny, without doing anything with its licenses (but needing a reason to extend its licenses) to reopen the debate and attack the rules.

#### Exhibit 1

FCC 06-49: LMS-M NPRM Telesaurus Ex Parte Filing, May 7, 2007

Form 10-K's (relevant excerpts) for

NATIONAL CITY CORP, 1998 and 1997

(From: http://www.nationalcity.com/about/InvestorRelations/StockFinancialInfo/default.asp.)

**IPALCO,** 1998 and 1997

(From SEC EDGAR website database.)

#### Notes

In the years reported below, 1997 and 1998, and in 1999, Mr. Frenzel was a Board member of the below bank and the Indiana subsidiary of this bank, and of IPALCO, a utility company: See items in red in these 10-K's, and also Exhibit 2 to this Ex Parte filing.<sup>1</sup>

National City Bank. This bank reports below:

Excluding merger and restructuring expenses, net income in 1998 of \$1,332.6 million, or \$4.00 per diluted share, increased 15.2% over 1997's net income of \$1,157.1 million, or \$3.53 per diluted share, and 27.8% over 1996's net income of \$1,042.6 million, or \$3.10 per diluted share. . .

#### **IPALCO**. This company reports below

(In Thousands)	1998	1997	1996
Total utility operating revenues	\$ 821,256	\$ 776,427	\$ 762,503

These three years had to be attributed: Forms 175 deadline for this auction was in January 1999. For the above two affiliates of Mr. Frenzel, total of these three years is: \$5.982 billion, for an annual average of \$ 1.964 billion. That is 655 times greater than the \$3 million maximum annual average that qualified for the 35% bidding credit that the applicant "Progeny" certified it was entitled to on its Forms 175 and 601, and that Mr. Frenzel also informed the FCC he was qualified for.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Also, Mr. Frenzel was at the relevant times an officer and director in Merchants National Corporation, listed below on this bank's 1998 10-K. Merchants National Corporation was earlier acquired by this bank. Mr. Frenzel had other affiliates as defined in FCC auction rules, regarding the subject LMS-M auction: see, e.g., Exhibit 2.

#### Conclusions

Apart from the other affiliates of Mr. Frenzel and the other applicable years, just the attributable gross revenues from either one of these two affiliates causes Progeny LMS LLC (and the other "Progeny" that was utilized the bid in the subject LMS-M auction: Progeny Post: whose FRN and EIN numbers were used: see Exhibit 2 below) to be entirely disqualified from the applied-for and certified 35% bidding discount, and thus disqualified from the auction and grant of any licenses therefrom under 47 CFR §§1.2105, 1.2109, the subject LMS-M Auction Procedures PN, and FCC and court precedents on these rules.

Where, after the form 175 deadline, there is a change of control (including by change of an entity itself) and/or change in DE bidder-discount size, verses what was reported on Form 175, the application and the applicant are disqualified. Here, both of these impermissible changes occurred. Moreover, the evidence that reveal these changes was not reported to the Commission.

#### Relevant excerpts included below. Emphasis in red added.

The 1998 10-K is first below, then the 1997 10-K.

Form 10-K NATIONAL CITY CORP - ncc Filed: January 25, 1999 (period: December 31, 1998) Annual report which provides a comprehensive overview of the company for the past year

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#### CORPORATE PROFILE

Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, National City is an \$88 billion-asset company providing banking and financial services primarily in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### **EARNINGS SUMMARY**

National City Corporation ("National City" or "the Corporation") reported net income of \$1,070.7 million, or \$3.22 per diluted share, in 1998, compared to \$1,122.2 million, or \$3.42 per diluted share, in 1997, and \$993.5 million, or \$2.95 per diluted share, in 1996. Included in reported net income were after-tax merger and restructuring expenses of \$261.9 million, or \$.78 per diluted share, in 1998, \$34.9 million, or \$.11 per diluted share, in 1997, and \$49.1 million, or \$.15 per diluted share, in 1996.

Excluding merger and restructuring expenses, **net income in 1998 of \$1,332.6 million**, or \$4.00 per diluted share, increased 15.2% over **1997's net income of \$1,157.1 million**, or \$3.53 per diluted share, and 27.8% over **1996's net income of \$1,042.6 million**, or \$3.10 per diluted share. Results for 1998 and 1997 reflect strong loan and noninterest income growth and lower credit costs.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the Requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on January 21, 1999.

National City Corporation

#### /s/ David A. Daberko

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David A. Daberko

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated, on January 21, 1999.

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EXHIBIT NUMBER

#### **EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION**

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- 10.19 Amended Employment Agreement dated July 21, 1989 by and between Merchants National Corporation or a subsidiary and Otto N. Frenzel, III (filed as Exhibit 10(21) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report of Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1987 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.20 Split Dollar Insurance Agreement dated January 4, 1988 between Merchants National Corporation and Otto N. Frenzel, III Irrevocable Trust II (filed as Exhibit 10(26) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1989 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.21 Merchants National Corporation Director's Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated August 16, 1983 (filed as Exhibit 10(3) to Merchants National Corporation Registration Statement as Form S-2 filed June 28, 1985, incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.22 Merchants National Corporation Supplemental Pension Plan dated November 20, 1984; \* \* \* \*

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- 10.23 **Merchants** National Corporation Employee Benefit Trust Agreement, effective July 1, 1987 \* \* \* \*
- 10.24 Merchants National Corporation Non-qualified Stock Option Plan effective January 20, 1987, \* \* \* \*
- 10.25 **Merchants** National Corporation 1987 Non-qualified Stock Option Plan, effective November 17, 1987 \* \* \* \*.
- 10.26 Merchants National Corporation Directors Non-qualified Stock Option Plan and \* \* \*

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EXHIBIT 21.1

#### SUBSIDIARY LISTING

STATE OR JURISDICTION UNDER THE LAW OF

#### WHICH ORGANIZED

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[End 1998 10-K Excerpts]

Form 10-K NATIONAL CITY CORP - ncc Filed: January 30, 1998 (period: December 31, 1997) Annual report which provides a comprehensive overview of the company for the past year

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVID A. DABERKO (2,3,4) Chairman & CEO National City Corporation \* \* \* \*

#### OTTO N. FRENZEL III (3,4)

Retired Chairman National City Bank of Indiana

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10.17 Amended Employment Agreement dated July 21, 1989 by and between **Merchants** National Corporation or a subsidiary and **Otto N. Frenzel, III** (filed as Exhibit 10(21) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report of Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1987 and incorporated herein by

10.18 Split Dollar Insurance Agreement dated January 4, 1988 between Merchants

- National Corporation and Otto N. Frenzel, III Irrevocable Trust II (filed as Exhibit 10(26) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1989 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.19 Merchants National Corporation Director's Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated August 16, 1983 (filed as Exhibit 10(3) to Merchants National Corporation Registration Statement as Form S-2 filed June 28, 1985, incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.20 Merchants National Corporation Supplemental Pension Plan dated November 20, 1984; First Amendment to the Supplemental Pension Plans dated January 21, 1986; Second Amendment to the Supplemental Pension Plans dated July 3, 1989; and Third Amendment to the Supplemental Pension Plans dated November 21, 1990 (filed respectively as exhibit 10(n) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1984; as Exhibit 10(q) to the Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1985; as Exhibit 10(49) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1990; and as Exhibit 10(50) to the Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1990; all incorporated herein by reference).

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- 10.21 Merchants National Corporation Employee Benefit Trust Agreement, effective July 1, 1987 (filed as Exhibit 10(27) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1987, incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.22 Merchants National Corporation Non-qualified Stock Option Plan effective January 20, 1987, and the First Amendment to that Merchants National Non-qualified Stock Option Plan, effective October 16, 1990 (filed respectively as Exhibit 10(23) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K by the year ended December 31, 1986, and as Exhibit 10(55) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1990, both of which are incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.23 Merchants National Corporation 1987 Non-qualified Stock Option Plan, effective November 17, 1987, and the First Amendment to Merchants National Corporation 1987 Non-qualified Stock Option Plan, effective October 16, 1990, (filed respectively as Exhibit 10(30) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K by the year ended December 31, 1987, and as Exhibit 10(61) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1990, both of which are incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.24 Merchants National Corporation Directors Non-qualified Stock Option Plan and the First Amendment to Merchants National Corporation Directors Non-qualified Stock Option Plan effective October 16, 1990 (filed respectively as Exhibit 10(44) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1988, and as Exhibit 10(68) to Merchants National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1990, both of which are incorporated herein by reference).

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#### FORM 10-K

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

[X] Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 1998** 

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IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. (IPALCO) is a holding company and was incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana on September 14, 1983. IPALCO has 15 employees and has two (2) subsidiaries: Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL), a regulated electric and steam service utility, and Mid-America Capital Resources, Inc. (Mid-America), a holding company for unregulated businesses. IPALCO and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as "Enterprises".

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#### Item 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

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SIGNATURES									

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

IPALCO ENTERPRISES, INC.

By /s/ John R. Hodowal

(John R. Hodowal, Chairman of the Board and President)

Date: February 23, 1999

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the

Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date	
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(iv) A majority of the Board	of Directors of	IPALCO Enterprises, Inc.:	
/s/ Joseph D. Barnett, Jr.	Director	February 23, 1999	
(Joseph D. Barnett, Jr.)			
/s/ Robert A. Borns	Director	February 23, 1999	
(Robert A. Borns)			
/s/ Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.	Director	February 23, 1999	
(Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.)			
/s/ Rexford C. Early	Director	February 23, 1999	
(Rexford C. Early)			
/s/ Otto N. Frenzel III	Director	February 23, 1999	
(Otto N. Frenzel III)			
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[End IPALCO 1998 10-K excerpts]

#### FORM 10-K

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

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For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 1997** 

IPALCO ENTERPRISES, INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### IPALCO ENTERPRISES, INC.

By /s/ John R. Hodowal

(John R. Hodowal, Chairman of the Board and President)

Date: February 24, 1998

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature Title Date

(i) Principal Executive Officer:

/s/ John R. Hodowal Chairman of the Board February 24, 1998 and President

(John R. Hodowal)

(ii) Principal Financial Officer:

/s/ John R. Brehm Vice President February 24, 1998
----- and Treasurer
(John R. Brehm)

## (iii) Principal Accounting Officer:

/s/ Stephen J. Plunkett	Controller	February 24, 1998
(Stephen J. Plunkett)		

### (iv) A majority of the Board of Directors of IPALCO Enterprises, Inc.:

/s/ Joseph D. Barnett, Jr.	Director	February 24, 1998	
(Joseph D. Barnett, Jr.)			
/s/ Robert A. Borns	Director	February 24, 1998	
(Robert A. Borns)			
/s/ Rexford C. Early	Director	February 24, 1998	
(Rexford C. Early)			
/s/ Otto N. Frenzel III	Director	February 24, 1998	
(Otto N. Frenzel III)			
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[End Exhibit 1 of FCC filing]

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## STATE OF INDIANA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

OF

#### PROGENY LMS, LLC

I. SUE ANNE GILROY, Secretary of State of Indiana, hereby certify that Articles of Organization of the above limited liability company have been presented to me at my office accompanied by the fees prescribed by law and that I have found such Articles conform to the provisions of the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby issue to such limited liability company this Certificate of Organization, and further certify that its existence will begin April 16, 1999.

Progeny LMS LLC, the LMS licensee, did not exist until well after the auction ended, and afte its Form 601 was submitted.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this Sixteenth day of April, 1999.

Deputy

## ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION PROGENY LMS, LLC

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The undersigned individual, acting as organizer, hereby forms a limited liability company under the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, as amended from time to time, (the "Act") and adopt the following as the Articles of Organization of the limited liability company:

Article 1. Name. The name of the limited liability company shall be Progeny LMS, LLC (the "Company").

Article 2. Duration. The period of the Company's duration shall expire on December 31, 2025, unless sooner dissolved in accordance with the Act.

Article 3. Purpose. The Company shall have unlimited power to engage in and do any lawful act with respect to any or all lawful businesses for which limited liability companies may be organized under Indiana law, including all powers and purposes now and hereafter permitted by law to a limited liability company.

## Article 4. Registered Office and Registered Agent.

- 4.1 Address. The address of the Registered Office of the Company in Indiana 20 North Meridian Street, Suite 9000, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
- 4.2 Agent. The name of the Registered Agent of the Company at the Booke Registered Office is Michael B. McMains, who is an Indiana resident.
- Article 5. Assignment and Additional and Substitute Members. Interests in the Company may only be assigned according to the Operating Agreement or according to the terms and conditions approved by a unanimous vote of all the Members. Furthermore, Additional and Substitute Members of the Company may only be admitted upon the affirmative vote of all the Members.
- Article 6. Management. The Company shall be managed by its Members in accordance with the Operating Agreement.

## Article 7. Indemnification of Members, Organizer, and Managers.

7.1 Persons Indemnified. To the greatest extent not inconsistent with the laws and public policies of Indiana, the Company shall indemnify any Member, Organizer, Officer, or Manager of the Company (any person who is a Member, Organizer, Officer, or Manager and any responsible officer, partner, shareholder, director, or manager of a Member, Organizer, Officer, or Manager that is an entity, hereinafter being referred to as

the indemnified "Person") made a party to any proceeding because the Person is or was a Member, Organizer, Officer, or Manager of the Company as a matter of right, against all liability incurred by the Person in connection with any proceeding; provided that it shall be determined in the specific case and according to Section 7.8 that indemnification of the Person is permissible in the circumstances because the Person has met the Standard of Conduct for indemnification set forth in Section 7.7.

- 7.2 Expenses. The Company shall pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by a Person in connection with any such proceeding in advance of the final disposition thereof if:
  - (a) <u>Written Affirmation</u>. The Person furnishes to the Company a Written Affirmation of the Person's good faith belief that the Person has met the Standard of Conduct for indemnification described in Section 7.7:
  - (b) Written Undertaking. The Person furnishes to the Company a Written Undertaking (i.e., a general obligation, subject to reasonable limitations by the Company, that need not be secured and may be accepted without regard to the Person's financial ability to repay), executed either personally or on the Person's behalf, to repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that the Person did not meet the Standard of Conduct; and
  - (c) <u>Company Determination</u>. The Company makes a determination, according to Section 7.8 and based on the facts then known to those making the determination, that indemnification would not be precluded under this Article 7.
- 7.3 <u>Prevailing Party</u>. The Company shall indemnify a Person who is the prevailing party and is wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any such proceeding, as a matter of right, against reasonable expenses incurred by the individual in connection with the proceeding without making a determination as set forth in Section 7.8.
- 7.4 <u>Upon Demand</u>. Upon demand by a Person, the Company shall expeditiously determine, in accordance with this Article 7, whether the Person is entitled to indemnification and/or an advance of expenses.
- 7.5 <u>Applicability</u>. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for under this Article 7 shall be applicable to any proceeding arising from acts or omissions occurring before or after the adoption of this Article 7.
- 7.6 Employee or Agent. The Company shall have the power, but not the obligation, to indemnify any individual who is or was an employee or agent of the Company to the same extent as if such individual was a Person.

#### 7.7 Standard of Conduct.

- 7.7.1 <u>Meets the Standard</u>. Indemnification of a Person is permissible under this Article 7 only if:
  - (a) the Person acted in good faith,
  - (b) the Person reasonably believed that the Person's conduct was in, or at least not opposed, to the Company's best interest, and
  - (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the Person had no reasonable cause to believe the Person's conduct was unlawful.
- 7.7.2 <u>Falls Below the Standard</u>. Indemnification is not permissible against liability to the extent such liability is the result of willful misconduct, recklessness, or any improperly obtained financial or other benefit to which the individual was not legally entitled.
- 7.7.3 Evidence. The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of <u>nolo contendere</u> or its equivalent is not, by itself, determinative that the Person did not meet the Standard of Conduct described in this Section 7.7.
- 7.8 <u>Company Determination Procedure</u>. A determination of whether indemnification or advancement of expenses is permissible shall be made by any one of the following procedures:
  - 7.8.1 Non-party Members' Vote. By a majority vote of the Members not at the time parties to the proceeding; or
  - 7.8.2 Special Legal Counsel. By special legal counsel selected by a majority vote of the Members not at the time parties to the proceeding.
- 7.9 <u>Court Determination of Indemnification</u>. A Person who is a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification from the Company to the court, if any, conducting the proceeding, or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court, after giving notice, that the court considers necessary or advisable, may order indemnification if it determines:
  - 7.9.1 <u>Prevailing Party</u>. In a proceeding in which the Person is the prevailing party and is wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, that Person is entitled to indemnification under Article 7, and the court therefore shall Order the Company to pay the Person's reasonable expenses incurred to obtain the court ordered indemnification; or

- 7.9.2 Equity. The Person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not the Person met the Standard of Conduct set forth in Section 7.7.
- 7.10 Employee Benefit Plan. Indemnification shall also be provided for a Person's conduct with respect to an employee benefit plan if the Person reasonably believed the Person's conduct to be in the best interests of the participants in and beneficiaries of the plan.
- 7.11 Non-Exclusive Rights or Remedies. Nothing contained in this Article 7 shall be construed as an exclusive right or remedy or to limit or preclude any other right under the law, by contract or otherwise, regarding indomnification of or advancement of expenses to any Person or other individual who is serving at the Company's request as a Director, Officer, Partner, Manager, Trustee, Employee, or Agent of another foreign or domestic company, partnership, association, limited liability company, corporation, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, whether for-profit or not.
  - 7.11.1 No Limitation. Nothing contained in this Article 7 shall limit the ability of the Company to indemnify and/or advance expenses to any individual other than as provided herein.
  - 7.11.2 <u>Intent</u>. It is the intent of this Article 7 to provide indemnification to Persons to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Article 7.
  - 7.11.3 <u>Legal Theory</u>. Indemnification shall be provided in accordance with this Article 7 irrespective of the nature of the legal or equitable theory upon which a claim is made, including, without limitation, negligence, breach of duty, mismanagement, waste, breach of contract, breach of warranty, strict liability, violation of federal or state securities law, violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or violation of any other state or federal law.
- 7.12 <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Article 7:
- 7.12.1 The term "expenses" includes all direct and indirect costs (including without limitation counsel fees, retainers, court costs, transcripts costs, fees of experts, witness fees, travel expenses, duplicating costs, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, postage, delivery service fees, and all other disbursements or out-of-pocket expenses) actually incurred in connection with the investigation, defense, settlement, or appeal of a proceeding or in establishing or enforcing a right to indemnification under this Article, applicable law, or otherwise.

- 7.12.2 The term "liability" means the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, excise tax (including an excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan), or reasonable expenses incurred with respect to a proceeding.
- 7.12.3 The term "party" includes an individual who was, is, or is threatened to be made, a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding.
- 7.12.4 The term "proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal.

On this 18th day of February, 1999 and in accordance with I.C. 23-18-2-4(a), the undersigned organizer hereby executes these Articles of Organization of Progeny LMS, LLC:

#### **ORGANIZER**

Michael B. McMains, Esq.

This document was prepared by Michael B. McMains, Esq., McMains, Goodin & Orzeske, P.C., 20 N. Meridian Street, Suite 9000, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 638-7100.

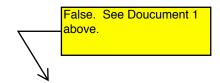
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STATE OF INDIANA	) ) SS:	IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION	)	CAUSE NO. 49D07-9905-CP-0708
OTTO N. FRENZEL, III, PROGENY LMS, LLC, and LMS SPECTRUM PARTNERS	) ) , LLC, ·)	
Plaintiffs, v.	) ) )	
CURTIS L. JOHNSON, PROGENY POST, LLC, PROGENY POST LMS, LLC, a LAWRENCE GREEN,	) ) nd ) )	JUN 2 1 1999  ALANA CIACUIT COURT  8:30 PM
Defendants.	, )	

## AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Otto N. Frenzel, III ("Frenzel"), Progeny LMS, LLC ("LMS") and LMS Spectrum Partners, LLC ("Spectrum"), by their attorneys, for their Amended Verified Complaint against Curtis L. Johnson ("Johnson"), Progeny Post, LLC ("Progeny"), Progeny Post LMS, LLC ("Post") and Lawrence Green ("Green"), allege as follows:

### **PARTIES**



- 1. LMS is a limited liability company organized as of February 18, 1999 under the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, with its registered office in Indianapolis, Indiana. A true and correct copy of the "Articles Of Organization Of Progeny LMS, LLC" ("LMS Articles") is attached as Exhibit A.
  - Spectrum is a limited liability company organized as of February 18, 1999 under

the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, with its registered office in Indianapolis, Indiana. A true and correct copy of the "Articles Of Organization Of LMS Spectrum Partners, LLC" ("Spectrum Articles") is attached as Exhibit B.

- 3. Frenzel is a resident of Boone County, Indiana and is the sole owner, member and manager of both LMS and Spectrum. Frenzel for years was chairman and chief executive officer of Merchants National Bank in Indianapolis, Indiana, and currently is a director and chairman of the executive committee for that bank's successor, National City Bank, Indiana. Frenzel also sits on the boards of IPALCO Enterprises, Indiana Energy, Inc., and American United Life Insurance Company, and is the immediate past president of the Riley Memorial Association. A true and correct copy of the "Progeny LMS, LLC Operating Agreement" ("LMS Operating Agreement"), which sets forth Frenzel's roles in LMS, is attached as Exhibit C. A true and correct copy of the "LMS Spectrum Partners, LLC Operating Agreement" ("Spectrum Operating Agreement"), which sets forth Frenzel's roles in Spectrum, is attached as Exhibit D.

  Frenzel affliates at time of auction.
- 4. Progeny is a limited liability company organized under the Indiana Business Flexibility Act in 1996, with a listed registered office in Indianapolis. State records show that Progeny is not current with its required reports and has not had a registered agent since about April 1998.
- Johnson is president and one of the two managers for Progeny. Johnson claims to own a majority of the voting interest in Progeny, with Frenzel holding about 10% of the ownership interest and each of several other members, including John H. Barnard ("Barnard"), owning less than 4% of the ownership interest. Barnard is the other manager for Progeny and was its chief financial officer until last year. See Affidavit of John H. Barnard, attached as Exhibit E.

**Progeny Post** 

- 6. Upon information and belief, Green is a resident of Hamilton County, Indiana. Green has worked as an employee of Progeny and, upon information and belief, as an employee and/or independent contractor for one or more subsidiaries of Progeny.
- 7. According to filings made by Johnson with this Court, Post is a limited liability company organized under the Indiana Business Flexibility Act in 1996, with a listed registered office in Indianapolis. Also according to those filings, Post was originally organized as Progeny Sports Management, LLC ("Management"), but purportedly changed to its current name in about November 1998. According to the filings, Post's sole member is Progeny, which owns 100% of Post's membership interest, and thus is effectively controlled by Johnson.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 8. Progeny was organized in 1996 to develop and operate interactive sports-related games and sites on the Internet and related ventures. In conjunction with or shortly after Progeny's organization, a number of related limited liability companies, all fully or partially owned by Progeny, were formed as vehicles for Progeny's various planned endeavors. Management/Post was one of those companies.
- 9. Frenzel became an owner in Progeny in the latter half of 1996 by a purchase of interests made by Johnson and Progeny through a private offering of non-voting membership units that was designed (but markedly failed) to raise about \$2,500,000 of startup cash for Progeny and its subsidiary entities.
- 10. Within months of the offering, and before any of the planned businesses were ever implemented, the cash raised through the offering had been spent and Progeny was in danger of failing. Johnson approached Frenzel and asked for his financial help to keep Progeny running.

At that time, Frenzel trusted Johnson and believed that Progeny had potential, so he agreed to fund certain Progeny operations through a series of relatively small loans (averaging about \$15,000 to about \$30,000) from his IRA trust account. The total balance of those loans -- which have been Progeny's sole source of funding since early 1997 -- now exceeds \$1 million.

- gained ownership of certain technological hardware and other equipment, and certain licenses that had been issued by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for broadcasting in connection with location monitoring and related services. Frenzel and Johnson agreed that the equipment and licenses could be valuable in a future Progeny venture, so Frenzel transferred those assets to a newly formed company, LMS Comm.net, LLC ("Comm.net") that was owned in equal shares by Frenzel and Progeny. Frenzel's hope to obtain value from Comm.net's equipment and licenses was a primary reason he continued to make the small loans to Progeny.
- 12. <u>In the fall of 1998, Johnson and Green learned that the FCC was preparing to auction licenses for location and monitoring radio frequencies</u> in a number of areas throughout the United States (the "licenses").
- 13. In about November 1998, Johnson, in concert with Green, filed a set of "Restated Articles of Organization" for Management with the Indiana Secretary of State. That document purported to record a change of Management's name to "Progeny Post LMS, LLC."
- 14. In about January 1999, Frenzel, Johnson and Green met to discuss the FCC licenses to be sold through auction. Based upon Johnson's and Green's statements, Frenzel believed and stated that the licenses offered a unique opportunity to obtain value from the assets owned by Comm.net, as well as provide other profit opportunities. Johnson and Green then

suggested that Progeny should participate in the auction, with Frenzel providing the needed funds (about \$2 million) through another loan, and Johnson and Green placing the actual bids and otherwise dealing directly with the FCC.

- lump-sum loan to Progeny, and because Johnson and Green had failed to generate any consistent income from Frenzel's two-year stream of smaller loans. However, Frenzel told Johnson and Green that he would fund purchase of the licenses if it resulted in Frenzel owning the licenses, either directly or through a company controlled by him. Frenzel also said that he was willing to share profits from the licenses with Johnson and Green to compensate them for serving as his limited agents or "point men" in the auction and bidding, and later finding profitable uses for the licenses. Frenzel, Johnson and Green all recognized that if the licenses could somehow be used in combination with the technology and other assets of Comm.net, Progeny (and therefore Johnson, as Progeny's 65% owner) would have tremendous new profit opportunities.
- 16. Johnson and Green orally agreed to Frenzel's terms. Johnson further agreed and stated that he would set up a new company through which Frenzel would own the licenses, and that Frenzel's funding would be treated as a contribution to that new company and not as a loan to Progeny. In about the last part of January 1999, Johnson told Frenzel that the new company, which Johnson called "Progeny LMS, LLC," had been formed in accord with Frenzel's wishes.
- 17. Unbeknownst to Frenzel, Johnson had not formed and never intended to form "Progeny LMS, LLC" or any other company through which Frenzel would own and control the licenses. Instead, Johnson and Green conspired and intended to misappropriate, convert and otherwise misuse Frenzel's money by secretly purchasing the licenses through an entity controlled by Johnson, or diverting the licenses to such an entity after their purchase.

began executing their plan to misappropriate Frenzel's money and/or deprive him of the licenses.

In about January 1999, Johnson prepared and submitted to the FCC a Form 175 or "short-form" bidding application in the name of "Progeny LMS, LLC." A true and correct copy of that application is attached as Exhibit F. The Form 175, which Johnson did not show or discuss with Frenzel, contained false and misleading statements about the applicant. For example, the Form stated that "Progeny LMS, LLC" had been formed in 1996 and was owned by Progeny, when in fact the company had not been formed at all. Johnson, in concert with Green, deliberately listed the applicant as "Progeny LMS, LLC" on the Form 175, as well as other documents submitted to he FCC, to mislead Frenzel in the event he saw the application.

Any controlling owner requires a copy of the organizational documents. Frenzel suggests he did not. Frenzel was a director of a major bank of the organizational documents.

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- 19. On about February 7, 1999, Johnson, in concert with Green and in furtherance of their plan, directed Frenzel to deposit \$1,879,155 via wire transfer in the name of "Progeny LMS, LLC" in an FCC escrow account in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Frenzel followed Johnson's directions and made the deposit the next day, believing that the payment was made on behalf of the Frenzel-controlled company Johnson said had been formed. The record of that transfer, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit G, lists the payer as "Progeny LMS LLC." However, unbeknownst to Frenzel the transfer also listed the taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), as provided by Johnson, for Management/Post.

  Progeny Post was the applicant. Progeny LMS LLC did not even exist.
- 20. Frenzel relied reasonably and in good faith on Johnson and Green as his agents at all stages of the bidding process. Frenzel made the February 8, 1999 deposit only because he believed, in reliance on Johnson and Green, that Johnson had formed "Progeny LMS, LLC" and that Frenzel owned, controlled and was to own the licenses through that company.
  - 21. Johnson, Progeny and Management/Post have never paid, advanced, contributed

or escrowed any funds of their own toward purchase of the licenses.

- During January, February and March 1999, Frenzel repeatedly asked Johnson for specific information and documentation about the formation of "Progeny LMS, LLC," the company's bidding and purchase of the licenses, his payment to the FCC and related issues, but Johnson rebuffed each request. Frenzel renewed his requests after the auction, but never received satisfactory information from Johnson. Frenzel was concerned about Johnson's failures to provide him with information, but justifiably and reasonably relied on Johnson to perform his duties in good faith, to act in accord with his statements and the parties' agreement, and to provide accurate information to the FCC.
- 23. The license auction was held in several stages from about February 22, 1999 to about March 8, 1999. During this time, Frenzel kept tabs on the auction's progress and bid amounts, conferring frequently with Johnson in person and via telephone. Frenzel approved bids made by Johnson and Green, and in the latter days authorized bids totaling about \$400,000 beyond the escrowed \$1,879,155 so that "Progeny LMS, LLC" could secure licenses providing near-nationwide coverage in the desired frequencies. In all, "Progeny LMS, LLC" was the high B-C block

  bidder for 230 of 289 licenses sold in the auction.
- On about March 17, 1999, Frenzel met with Johnson and Green to discuss matters related to the licenses, including a proposed ownership/organizational structure for "Progeny LMS, LLC" that had been prepared by Johnson and Green. Frenzel asked Barnard to attend the meeting and to review the proposed structure, because it was complicated and appeared inconsistent with Frenzel's control of "Progeny LMS, LLC" and the licenses. Frenzel had earlier told Barnard that he (Frenzel) was to own the licenses directly or through a controlled company,

that according to Johnson such a company had been formed, and that he had paid \$1,879,155 toward the purchase of the licenses.

- During the meeting on about March 17, 1999, Barnard reviewed the proposed 25. structure for "Progeny LMS, LLC" that Johnson and Green had presented. Barnard told Frenzel, Johnson and Green that the proposal appeared unfair and inconsistent with Frenzel's 100% ownership of the licenses, and told Frenzel that he should seek legal advice before accepting the proposal. Frenzel agreed with Barnard, prompting Johnson to complain that any delay in approving the proposal as presented would jeopardize compliance with the March 22, 1999 deadline for submission of the post-auction Form 601 or "long-form" application, which was to provide supplemental detailed information on the applicant. Frenzel left the meeting without approving the proposal or agreeing to any structure for "Progeny LMS, LLC" that gave Frenzel less than full control.
- On about March 18, 1999, Frenzel met with Johnson, Green, and attorney Steve 26. Dutton ("Dutton") to discuss additional issues related to the licenses. Dutton represented Progeny, but at that time and through at least mid-May 1999 also served as Frenzel's lawyer on matters related to the technology, hardware and other assets of Comm.net.
- At some point during the meeting, a telephone conference was conducted with 27. one or more Washington, D.C. attorneys who had apparently been retained to provide advice in connection with purchase of the licenses. During that conference, Johnson, Green, Dutton and the Washington attorneys discussed possible methods for ensuring that "Progeny LMS, LLC" would qualify for a 35% "very small business" discount of the licenses' purchase price. Frenzel asked one or two questions about the mechanics of the discount, but otherwise remained silent.

Entirely false. The gross revenues of the applicant, its controlling party, and the controlling party's affiliates all have to be attributed. The unnamed DC attorney would not have advised otherwise.

- 28. A number of possible methods were discussed, including classifying part or all of Frenzel's \$1,879,155 contribution to "Progeny LMS, LLC" as debt. Nothing in these discussions concerned Frenzel or seemed inconsistent with his ownership and control of the licenses. Based on what Johnson had told him, Frenzel owned and controlled "Progeny LMS, LLC," and that control would not be affected by any of the possible methods being discussed -- even if the \$1,879,155 payment were classified as a "debt" to that company. Moreover, Frenzel had not approved any plan or structure reducing his presumed 100% ownership in "Progeny LMS, LLC." Thus, Frenzel had no reason to question characterization of his payment as a "debt" in order to preserve the "very small business" discount.

  Johnson's response to this Complaint's characterizations is in separate doucments.
- At about 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 1999, Dutton faxed to Frenzel's attorney, Michael McMains, portions of an incomplete draft Form 601 that was filled with false and misleading information. Contrary to prior statements and discussions and the initial Form 175, Dutton's draft for the first time listed the purchaser of the licenses as Spectrum, which it said was a wholly-owned subsidiary of "Progeny LMS, LLC." The draft also falsely showed Frenzel with no direct ownership interest in Spectrum or the licenses, treated Frenzel's February 8, 1999 payment as a loan to Spectrum, claimed that Spectrum had issued a "Master Note" to evidence the debt, and said the loan was "secured by substantially all the assets of Spectrum." Dutton sent no message with the draft, and did not tell McMains that the final Form 601 had to be filed the next business day, March 22, 1999.
- 30. McMains was not familiar with the Form 601, but was immediately troubled by the draft's discussion of a purported loan to Spectrum and the absence of any mention of Frenzel's ownership in either Spectrum or "Progeny LMS, LLC." McMains called Frenzel, who told him that the fax was wrong in numerous respects, including its recitation of the ownership

structures for Spectrum and "Progeny LMS, LLC" and the discussion of a purported loan.

- 31. On Monday, March 22, 1999, McMains called Johnson and pointed out critical misstatements in the draft Form 601, including its discussions about the purported loan and the ownership structures of Spectrum and "Progeny LMS, LLC." McMains also reiterated -- in accord with Johnson's statements and agreement with Frenzel, the parties' subsequent discussions and actions, and Frenzel's refusal to consent to anything but 100% ownership -- that the owner of the licenses (whatever its name) was to be controlled by Frenzel
- 32. Later on March 22, 1999, in concert with Green and in furtherance of their plan to deprive Frenzel of his money and/or the licenses, Johnson filed a finalized version of the Form 601. Frenzel never received the filed version from Johnson, Green or Dutton, and did see any part of it until mid-May 1999. The filed Form 601 differed in some respects from the March 19 draft, but did not correct the errors McMains pointed out to Johnson. In particular, the final Form 601 repeated without change the false information about applicant ownership and the purported loan by Frenzel to Spectrum.
- 33. The next day, Johnson, again in concert with Green, sent a letter to the FCC seeking a "minor amendment" in the Form 601 he had filed on March 22. That letter did not correct the errors that McMains had pointed out to Johnson and reemphasized the false claim that Spectrum is "wholly-owned" by LMS.
- 34. Soon after these events, Frenzel confirmed that there was no "Master Note" evidencing any Spectrum debt to Frenzel, and that neither "Progeny LMS, LLC" nor "LMS Spectrum Partners, LLC" had ever been formed or existed in Indiana, whether in their own names or as registered "d/b/a" designations for other companies. In an attempt to cure the

\$1,879,155 investment against possible forfeiture and penalties, Frenzel promptly authorized the organization of LMS and Spectrum with an effective date of February 18, 1999 – at least four days before the auction began.

False. The effective date under law is the date on Document 1 above: as the Secretary of State therein states and as Indiana law provides.

- 35. Johnson and Green continued advancing their plan against Frenzel after the Form 601 was filed. Sometime after March 22, 1999 Johnson delivered a purported promissory note to the National City Bank trust department in Indianapolis. The note falsely claimed that Frenzel's \$1,879,155 payment was actually a loan to Progeny, and not Spectrum or LMS, which contradicted both Frenzel's understanding, as supported by Johnson's statements, and the information contained in the filed Form 601
- 36. Barnard, one of Progeny's two managers (with Johnson), did not participate in any vote or meeting concerning the purported note tendered by Johnson, and was unaware of such a note until told about it by Frenzel sometime after March 22, 1999
- Johnson to Randall Tobias, the former chief executive officer for Eli Lilly & Co. and with whom Frenzel some time earlier had arranged for Johnson to meet. That letter, a true a correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit H, was printed on letterhead that bore the name and a symbol for "Progeny LMS, LLC." Frenzel had never seen such letterhead before. Also, Johnson in that letter referred to himself as the "President and CEO" of "Progeny LMS, LLC" -- neither of which Johnson was authorized to use and which Frenzel had never even discussed with Johnson.
- 38. After about April 28, 1999, defendants began claiming that their repeated listing of "Progeny LMS, LLC" as applicant for the licenses was a mistake resulting from a

"typographical error" made by Johnson in filings with the Indiana Secretary of State. Defendants also now claim — notwithstanding their repeated references to "Progeny LMS, LLC" in federally-filed documents, correspondence, and other documents — that the "true" applicant for the licenses has always been Management/Post, which simply used "Progeny LMS, LLC" as a d/b/a. However, no such d/b/a has ever been registered for Management/Post, and the only entity authorized to conduct business under the name "Progeny LMS, LLC" is LMS, as formed by Frenzel effective February 18, 1999.

## COUNT I - FRAUD

- 39. Paragraphs 1 through 38 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 40. As set forth above, Johnson and Green (individually and as agents for Progeny and Management/Post) made misrepresentations of material fact to Frenzel, all of which were deliberately false, misleading and fraudulent under the Indiana law.
- 41. Johnson, Progeny and Green knew the misrepresentations were false and fraudulent, and/or made them in reckless ignorance of their falsity.
- 42. Frenzel reasonably and detrimentally relied on the misrepresentations by, for example, agreeing to fund purchase of the licenses and making the \$1,879,155 payment to the FCC, and has been damaged thereby.
- 43. The misrepresentations were made willfully, wantonly and maliciously, warranting the imposition and award of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- a. Enter judgment in his favor and against defendants on Count I;
- Grant rescission of his agreement to fund purchase of the licenses;
- Disgorge and refund his payment to the FCC;
- d. Award him all available compensatory, punitive and other damages, costs, interest, and attorneys' fees; and
- e. Grant him all other just and appropriate relief.

# COUNT II - CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD

- 44. Paragraphs 1 through 43 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 45. As set forth above, Johnson and Green (individually and as agents for Progeny and Management/Post) made false and fraudulent factual and promissory misrepresentations to Frenzel.
- 46. Frenzel, by virtue of his ownership in Progeny, his longstanding business relationship with Johnson, and Johnson's role as Frenzel's agent during the FCC auction, had and continues to have a confidential, fiduciary relationship with Johnson and Progeny.
- 47. Defendants, by their false and fraudulent misrepresentations, intended to and did gain an unconscionable advantage over Frenzel.
  - 48. The misrepresentations constituted constructive fraud against Frenzel.
- 49. Frenzel reasonably and detrimentally relied on the misrepresentations and has been damaged thereby.

50. The misrepresentations were made willfully, wantonly and maliciously, warranting the imposition and award of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- a. Enter judgment in his favor and against defendants on Count II:
- Award him all available compensatory, punitive and other damages, costs, interest, and attorneys' fees; and
- c. Grant him all other just and appropriate relief.

# COUNT III - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

- 51. Paragraphs 1 through 50 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 52. Defendants' various actions and statements including but not limited to their false representations in documents submitted to the FCC evidence the existence of clear and ripe disputes between the parties including disputes about which (if any) of the parties is the true applicant for the licenses, who or what entity owns and controls Spectrum, the character of Frenzel's payment to the FCC on behalf of LMS, and what rights Frenzel has with respect to the licenses.
- 53. All of these disputes, and particularly the disagreement concerning the applicant's true identity, must be resolved before the licenses can be issued. The FCC has delayed final approval of the licenses pending action by the Court in this case, but upon information and belief, wants all issues resolved and the licenses issued very soon.
  - 54. In addition, a clear and ripe dispute exists concerning whether the "Progeny LMS,

LLC" mentioned repeatedly in the FCC filings is LMS (which was formed effective February 18, 1999, at least four days before the auction began) or is instead Management/Post, as defendants now claim. That dispute is inextricably linked with the question of the applicant's true identity, and must be resolved by this Court in expedited fashion.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel, LMS and Spectrum pray that this Court, on an expedited basis, A court cannot change by declaration what was in fact submitted to the FCC on Forms 175 and 601, nor cure violations caused thereby of FCC rules and the Comm. Act.

- a. LMS was properly organized and in existence, effective February 18, 1999, and is wholly owned and controlled by Frenzel;

  A court can't change the dates a LLC became in existence by an accepted filling with the Secretary of State.
- b. All references to "Progeny LMS, LLC" in correspondence, forms submitted to the FCC and other documents refer to LMS as formed by Frenzel effective February 18, 1999, and that LMS is the true applicant for the FCC licenses;
- Spectrum was properly organized and in existence, effective February 18, 1999,
   and is wholly owned and controlled by Frenzel; and
- d. Frenzel's payment to the FCC on February 8, 1999 constitutes a contribution to LMS, as organized by Frenzel effective on February 18, 1999, and is not a loan to Progeny, Management/Post, or any other entity not owned and controlled by Frenzel.

  Frenzel above said it could be "charaterized" as a loan.

### **COUNT IV -- VIOLATION OF INDIANA SECURITIES STATUTE**

- 55. Paragraphs 1 through 54 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 56. As set forth above, Johnson and/or Green (individually and as agents for Progeny)

made one or more misrepresentations of material fact in connection with Johnson's tender of the purported note delivered to National City Bank sometime after March 22, 1999, and in so doing employed a device, scheme and artifice to defraud Frenzel of his money and/or the licenses.

- 57. Johnson's and Green's misrepresentations and actions violated Ind. Code §§ 23-2-1-12 and 23-2-1-19.
- 58. Frenzel reasonably and detrimentally relied upon, and did not know about or participate in, Johnson's and Green's misrepresentations and actions.
  - 59. Frenzel has suffered damages from the misrepresentations and actions.
  - 60. Johnson's, Progeny's and Green's conduct was willful, wanton and malicious.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- a. Enter judgment in his favor and against Johnson, Green and Progeny on Count IV;
- Grant rescission of Frenzel's agreement to pay and ultimate payment of funds to the FCC toward purchase of the licenses;
- c. Award him all available compensatory, punitive and other damages, costs, interest, and attorneys' fees; and
- Grant him all other just and appropriate relief.

#### **COUNT V -- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**

61. Paragraphs 1 through 60 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.

- 62. As set forth above, the actions of Johnson and Green (individually and as agents for Progeny and Management/Post) constituted a wrongful taking, deprivation and assertion of control of property belonging to Frenzel for their own use and benefit.
- 63. Johnson's and Green's actions constitute criminal mischief as defined in Ind. Code § 35-43-1-2, because Johnson and Green have recklessly, knowingly or intentionally damaged Frenzel's property without his consent, and have knowingly or intentionally caused Frenzel to suffer financial loss by deception or by expression of intent to injure, damage or impair his rights or the rights of another person.
  - 64. Frenzel has been damaged by Johnson's and Green's actions.
  - 65. Johnson's and Green's conduct has been willful, wanton and malicious.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against defendants on Count V;
- b. Award Frenzel compensatory damages, punitive damages and statutory damages under Ind. Code § 34-24-3-1in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys'
   fees; and
- Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief.

#### COUNT VI - THEFT

66. Paragraphs 1 through 65 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.

- 67. As set forth above, the actions of Johnson and Green (individually and as agents for Progeny and Management/Post) constitute a wrongful taking, deprivation and assertion of control of property belonging to Frenzel for their own use and benefit.
- 68. Defendants' actions constitute theft as defined at Ind. Code § 35-43-4-2, because defendants have knowingly or intentionally exerted unauthorized control over Frenzel's property with intent to deprive him of its value or use.
  - Frenzel has been damaged by defendants' actions.
  - 70. Defendants' conduct has been willful, wanton and malicious.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against defendants on Count VI;
- b. Award Frenzel compensatory damages, punitive damages and statutory damages under Ind. Code § 34-24-3-1in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys' fees; and
- Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief.

## COUNT VII - CONVERSION

- 71. Paragraphs 1 through 70 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 72. As set forth above, the actions of Johnson and Green (individually and as agents for Progeny and Management/Post) constitute a wrongful taking, deprivation and assertion of

control of property belonging to Frenzel for their own use and benefit.

- 73. Defendants' actions constitute conversion as defined at Ind. Code § 35-43-4-2, because Johnson and Green have knowingly or intentionally exerted unauthorized control over Frenzel's property.
  - Frenzel has been damaged by defendants' actions.
  - 75. Defendants' conduct has been willful, wanton and malicious.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against defendants on Count VII;
- b. Award Frenzel compensatory damages, punitive damages and statutory damages under Ind. Code § 34-24-3-1in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys' fees; and
- d. Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief.

# **COUNT VIII -- DECEPTION**

- Paragraphs 1 through 75 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 77. As set forth above, the actions of Johnson and Green (individually and as agents for Progeny and Management/Post) constitute a wrongful taking, deprivation and assertion of control of property belonging to Frenzel for their own use and benefit.
  - 78. Defendants' actions constitute deception as defined at Ind. Code § 35-43-4-2,

because they knowingly or intentionally made one or more false or misleading written statements with intent to obtain property belonging to Frenzel, and misapplied property entrusted to him by Frenzel in a manner that they knew was unlawful and/or involved a substantial risk of loss or detriment to Frenzel.

- Frenzel has been damaged by defendants' actions. 79.
- 80. Defendants' conduct has been willful, wanton and malicious.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against defendants on Count VIII; a,
- Award Frenzel compensatory damages, punitive damages and statutory damages ь. under Ind. Code § 34-24-3-1in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys' c. fees; and
- Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief. d.

# COUNT IX - FRAUD ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

- 81. Paragraphs 1 through 80 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- As set forth above, the actions of Johnson and Green (individually and as agents 82. for Progeny and Management/Post) constitute a wrongful attempt to obtain and assert control over funds that Frenzel deposited with and that are currently in the custody and control of Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

- Mellon Bank is a state or federally chartered or federally insured financial 83. institution.
- Defendants' actions constitute fraud on a financial institution as defined at Ind. 84. Code § 35-43-5-8, because defendants have knowingly executed or attempted to execute a scheme or artifice to obtain funds in the custody or control of Mellon Bank by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations or promises, as set forth above.
  - 85. Frenzel has been damaged by defendants' actions.
  - Defendants' conduct has been willful, wanton and malicious. 86.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against defendants on Count IX; a.
- Award Frenzel compensatory damages, punitive damages and statutory damages b. under Ind. Code § 34-24-3-1 in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys' c. fees; and
- đ. Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief.

# COUNT X - FALSE INFORMATION TO GOVERNMENT ENTITY

- Paragraphs 1 through 86 are incorporated as if fully restated herein. 87.
- As set forth above, the actions of Johnson (individually and as agent for Progeny 88. and Management/Post) constitute the provision of false information to a government entity as

defined at Ind. Code § 35-43-5-8, because Johnson has knowingly or intentionally provided false information to the FCC in an attempt to obtain contracts (purchase of the licenses) from that agency.

- Frenzel, LMS and Spectrum have been damaged by Johnson's actions. 89.
- Johnson's conduct has been willful, wanton and malicious. 90.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel, LMS and Spectrum pray that this Court:

- Enter judgment in their favor and against Johnson, Progeny and Management/Post a. on Count IX:
- Award them compensatory damages, punitive damages and statutory damages b. under Ind. Code § 34-24-3-1in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award them pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys' fees; c. and
- d. Grant them all other just and appropriate relief.

# COUNT XI - BREACH OF CONTRACT

- Paragraphs 1 through 90 are incorporated as if fully restated herein. 91.
- 92. Johnson's agreements with Frenzel -- including without limitation his agreements to use and characterize Frenzel's funding only as directed and desired by Frenzel, and to form a new company that Frenzel would control and through which Frenzel would own the licenses -were binding and enforceable legal obligations by Johnson and Progeny.

- 93. Johnson's actions and omissions -- including without limitation his failure to form "Progeny LMS, LLC" as a company controlled by Frenzel and his misuse and mischaracterization of Frenzel's funding -- have breached the agreements with Frenzel and constitute one or more unexcused failures to perform the contractual obligations.
- 94. Frenzel has performed all of his obligations and satisfied all conditions under the agreements.
- 95. Frenzel has been damaged by Johnson's and Progeny's actions, failures and breaches.

#### WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- a. Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against Johnson and Progeny on Count XI;
- b. Award Frenzel damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys'
   fees; and
- d. Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief.

# **COUNT XII -- RESCISSION FOR MUTUAL MISTAKE**

- Paragraphs 1 through 95 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 97. The agreement between Frenzel and Johnson (individually and as agent for Progeny) for Frenzel to advance \$1,879,155 to the FCC was based on the shared, common assumption that the applicant for the licenses was "Progeny LMS, LLC." That common

assumption is shown in Frenzel's payment on behalf of "Progeny LMS LLC," and also in Johnson's repeated filing of FCC papers in the name of "Progeny LMS, LLC."

- 98. The true identity of the applicant for the licenses was a vital fact upon which the parties' agreement was based and was a material component of the bargain.
- 99. Frenzel and Johnson (individually and as agent for Progeny) were mutually mistaken about the true identity of the applicant for the licenses. As a result of that mutual mistake, the actual exchange of values embodied in the parties' agreement was quite different from the contemplated exchange.

  That is preposterous: two very experienced businessmen and neither knew that a legal entity they alleged to control and that took multiple major actions before the FCC and Mellon Bank did not even exist.
- 100. Frenzel has suffered damages through performance of the agreement (and payment of his \$1,879,155) as a result of the parties' mutual mistake.
- 101. Frenzel has received no benefits under the agreement or from his payment of money to the FCC, and is entitled to a full rescission and repayment of the money.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- a. Enter judgment for him and against Johnson and Progeny on Count XII;
- b. Grant rescission of Frenzel's and Johnson's agreement for Frenzel to advance funds to the FCC in conjunction with the license auction;
- c. Return the funds paid by Frenzel, with appropriate interest, so that Frenzel is returned to the status quo that existed before the agreement was formed; and
- d. Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief.

Rescission and refund would require asking the FCC to return the funds deposited. That is contrary to the position that Frenzel took before the FCC.

# COUNT XIII -- PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL

- 102. Paragraphs 1 through 101 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 103. As set forth above, Johnson (individually and as agent for Progeny) made several clear and definite promises to Frenzel, including without limitation promises to form a new company through which Frenzel would own and control the licenses, and to treat any contribution by Frenzel as a contribution to that new company.
- 104. Frenzel reasonably and justifiably relied to his detriment on those promises, which Johnson deliberately failed to keep, and Frenzel suffered damages as a result.
- 105. Enforcement of Johnson's promises is required as a matter of justice, so that Frenzel will be restored to his pre-promise position and reimbursed for the losses he suffered from Johnson's failure to keep the promises.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- a. Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against Johnson and Progeny on Count XIII;
- b. Award Frenzel damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys'
   fees; and
- Grant Frenzei all other just and appropriate relief.

# COUNT XIV - CIVIL CONSPIRACY

- 106. Paragraphs 1 through 105 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 107. As set forth above, Johnson and Green have worked in concert and conspired to deprive Frenzel of his money and/or the licenses, to substitute Management/Post for LMS as the true applicant for the FCC licenses, to remove or cloud Frenzel's clear ownership and control of Spectrum, and to inflict other damages upon plaintiffs, all for their own benefits and purpose.
- 108. Johnson and Green are liable for civil conspiracy, because, as set forth above, they have combined and worked by concerted action to accomplish an unlawful purpose or to accomplish some lawful purpose by unlawful means.
- 109. Frenzel has suffered damages from Johnson's and Green's concerted wrongful conduct.
  - 110. Johnson's and Green's conduct was willful, wanton and malicious.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel, LMS and Spectrum pray that this Court:

- Enter judgment in their favor and against Johnson and Green on Count XIV;
- Award them all available compensatory, punitive and other damages, costs, interest, and attorneys' fees; and
- Grant them all other just and appropriate relief.

#### COUNT XV -- CORRUPT BUSINESS INFLUENCE

- 111. Paragraphs 1 through 110 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- 112. Johnson's and Green's various wrongful actions, including without limitation their separate violations of Ind. Code §§ 23-2-1-12 and 23-2-1-19 (securities statute) and Ind. Code § 35-43-4-2 (theft statute), constitute a pattern of racketeering activity as defined at Ind. Code § 35-45-6-1.
- 113. Johnson and Green have knowingly and intentionally received proceeds through their pattern of racketeering activity and have used or invested those proceeds or proceeds derived from them to acquire an interest in property or to operate an enterprise, in violation of Ind. Code § 35-45-6-2(1).
- 114. Johnson and Green, through their pattern of racketeering activity, have knowingly or intentionally acquired or maintained a direct or indirect interest in or control of property or an enterprise, in violation of Ind. Code § 35-45-6-2(2).
  - 115. Frenzel has been damaged by Johnson's and Green's actions.
  - 116. Johnson's and Green's conduct has been willful, wanton and malicious.

WHEREFORE, Frenzel prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment in Frenzel's favor and against Johnson and Green on Count XV;
- b. Award Frenzel compensatory damages, punitive damages and statutory damages under Ind. Code § 34-24-2-6 in an amount to be determined at trial;

- Award Frenzel pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs and attorneys'
   fees; and
- Grant Frenzel all other just and appropriate relief.

## COUNT XVI -- INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 117. Paragraphs 1 through 116 are incorporated as if fully restated herein.
- Progeny and Management/Post) -- including but not limited to their false representations about the true identity of the license applicant, their false characterization of Frenzel's payment to the FCC, and their false statements concerning the ownership of Spectrum in documents submitted to the FCC -- are part of a continuing pattern of wrongful and illegal conduct that continues to violate Frenzel's rights as sole owner, member and manager of Spectrum, casts doubt on the structures of LMS and Spectrum, enables the defendants to misuse and profit from funds obtained from Frenzel through fraud and other wrongful conduct, and subjects Frenzel, LMS and Spectrum to potentially severe losses.
- LMS and Spectrum unless enjoined by this Court. For example, defendants claim in FCC documents that Spectrum is owned by Progeny and Management/Post, when in fact the company is wholly owned by Frenzel, and deny that LMS, which was organized with an existence effective as of February 18, 1999, is the true applicant for the licenses. Defendants also continue to benefit from the fraudulent and other wrongful acts they have perpetrated against Frenzel.
  - 120. Defendants' continuing wrongful actions have harmed and will continue to harm

LMS, Spectrum and Frenzel in ways that cannot be remedied by damages, and/or with the result that any damages suffered cannot be calculated or even reasonably estimated. If the actions of defendants are not enjoined, the integrity, viability and business reputation of Frenzel, Spectrum and LMS will be severely and permanently damaged. Conversely, defendants will suffer no harm from an injunction that simply requires them to act legally, with respect for Frenzel's rights as owner of Spectrum and LMS, and otherwise consistent with the January 1999 agreement between Frenzel and Johnson and this Court's orders. Moreover, given the clearly wrongful character of defendants' conduct, and its impact on the ownership of licenses for broadcast frequencies controlled by the federal government, the public interest would not be disserved by entry of such an injunction.

123. In addition, plaintiffs are entitled to an injunction pursuant to Ind. Code § 34-24-2-6(a), because they have suffered and continue to suffer from corrupt business influence as set out in Count XV above.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray that this Court, on an expedited basis, enter a judgment preliminarily and permanently enjoining defendants directly or indirectly from:

- a. Making false or misleading statements to the FCC or any other person or authority concerning ownership, management, membership or control of the applicant for the licenses, including statements reflecting directly or indirectly that Frenzel does not own and control Spectrum;
- b. Denying that "Progeny LMS, LLC," as listed in the documents filed with the FCC, is LMS and not Management/Post;

  Progeny LMS LLC did not exist until well after the auction. A judgement can't change that, nor cure violation of FCC rules, but--
- c. Using funds obtained from Frenzel through fraud or other wrongful means to

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purchase, secure rights to or otherwise affect any issuance of the licenses;

d. Taking any action that is inconsistent with Frenzel's ownership and control of

Spectrum or with the January 1999 agreement between Frenzel and Johnson;

e. Transferring, selling or encumbering, and negotiating or attempting to make any

unauthorized transfer, sale or encumbrance of any of the licenses and any related

present or future assets; and

f. Causing or engaging in corrupt business influence.

### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a jury trial on all claims and issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **VERIFICATION**

I, Otto N. Frenzel, III, declare under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing

factual representations are true and correct.

Date: 6 - 17 - 99

Otto N. Frenzel, III

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 21st day of June, 1999, I caused a copy of the foregoing "Amended Verified Complaint" to be served via first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

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An attorney for plaintiffs

# EXHIBIT

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# ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PROGENY LMS, LLC

The undersigned individual, acting as organizer, hereby forms a limited liability company under the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, as amended from time to time, (the "Act") and adopt the following as the Articles of Organization of the limited liability company:

- Article 1. Name. The name of the limited liability company shall be Progeny LMS, LLC (the "Company").
- Article 2. <u>Duration</u>. The period of the Company's duration shall expire on December, 31, 2025, unless sooner dissolved in accordance with the Act.
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On this 18th day of February, 1999 and in accordance with I.C. 23-18-2-4(a), the undersigned organizer hereby executes these Articles of Organization of Progeny LMS, LLC:

#### ORGANIZER

Michael B. McMains, Esq.

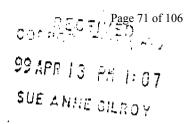
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APPROVED
AND
FILED
IND. SECRETARY OF STATE

# ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF LMS SPECTRUM PARTNERS, LLC



The undersigned individual, acting as organizer, hereby forms a limited liability company under the Indiana Business Flexibility Act, as amended from time to time, (the "Act") and adopt the following as the Articles of Organization of the limited liability company:

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On this 12th day of April, 1999 and in accordance with I.C. 23-18-2-4(a), the undersigned organizer hereby executes these Articles of Organization of LMS Spectrum Partners, LLC:

### ORGANIZER

Michael B. McMains, Esq.

This document was prepared by Michael B. McMains, Esq., McMains, Goodin & Orzeske, P.C., 20 N. Meridian Street, Suite 9000, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 638-7100.

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Plaintiffs,		)	
v.		)	
CURTIS L. JOHNSON and PROGENY POST, LLC,		) ) )	
Defendants.		) )	

## AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN H. BARNARD

John H. Barnard, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am one of several owners in Progeny Post, LLC ("Progeny"). The majority of Progeny's voting interest is owned by Curt Johnson ("Johnson"), and Otto N. Frenzel, III ("Frenzel") owns no more than 10% of the total ownership interest. Each of the several other members owns less than about 4% of the ownership interest. Johnson and I are the only members of Progeny's board of managers. Johnson is Progeny's president, and I was the company's chief financial officer until last year.
- 2. On a recent occasion, I had a conversation with Johnson about the status of certain efforts by Frenzel, with Johnson's assistance, to purchase licenses from the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for a number of radio broadcast frequencies. I understood and presumed from prior communications with Frenzel and Johnson that the licenses purchased would belong to Frenzel, whether personally or through an entity owned and controlled by him, and not by Progeny or any other person. During the conversation, Johnson

told me that FCC regulations related to bidder income would prevent Frenzel from owning the 82 of 106 licenses, and that Progeny instead would be the owner. This news surprised me, because I had never been part of any discussion or vote, either with Johnson as a manager and officer or the entire membership, concerning Progeny's purchase of the licenses in this manner.

3. I also have learned recently that sometime after March 22, 1999, Johnson came to Frenzel's office and tendered some sort of promissory note, purporting to be payable to Frenzel from Progeny, for more than \$1.8 million that Frenzel apparently paid to help secure the licenses. Neither the managers nor the members of Progeny have ever approved such a debt or note to Frenzel. As a manager, I would have been involved in any discussions among members, managers or officers concerning such a debt and note, both before and after the debt was incurred, and no such discussions were ever held. Also, to the best of my knowledge, Frenzel never asked for or accepted the note tendered by Johnson or any other similar note from Progeny.

# **VERIFICATION**

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true and correct.

John H. Barnard

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Mail Address (No P.O. Boxes)			
	4220 S Fra	nklin Rđ	
City	State		ZIP Code
Indianapolis	IN		46239
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# PROGENY LMS, LLC ATTACHMENTS TO FCC FORM 175 APPLICATION

## Exhibit A: Applicant Identity and Ownership Information

We hereby certify that Progeny LMS, LLC is a Limited Liability Company whose sole member is Progeny Post, LLC. Both entities are organized under the laws of Indiana and have a business address of:

20 N. Meridian St.,
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Progeny Post, LLC is a Limited Liability Company with the following members who are all US Citizens. Only Curtis L. Johnson with 60.79% holds more than a 10% interest in Progeny Post, LLC.

Curtis L. Johnson	4220 S. Franklin Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46239
Otto N. Frenzel III	11330 Templin Rd. Zionsville, IN 46077
Jim Comelius	1055 Park Place Zionsville, IN 46077
Brad Goff	310 Rurnford Pointe Atlanta, GA 30350
Joe Luigs	2008 Burning Tree Lane Carmel, IN 46032
Jack Farт	5735 N. 400 W. Bargersville, IN 46106
Don Arbogast	7532 Brookview Circle Indianapolis, IN 46250
John Barnard	3616 Newhouse Pl. Greenwood, IN 46143
Anthony W. Packer	6927 Ancient Oak Lane Charlotte, NC 28277
John Hall	3855 Eagle Trace Dr Greenwood, IN 46143
Mike Flannery	8304 Honeyhill Rd. Laurel, MD 20723

Progeny Post, LLC also owns interests in the following entities, all of which are inactive and none of which hold FCC licenses or are applicants for any FCC licenses.

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Progeny Post Entertainment, LLC	100 %
Progeny Post Kids, LLC	100 %
Progeny Post Matchpower, LLC	100 %
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LMS Comm.net, LLC	50 %
Gimme the Ball, LLC	100 %

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# Exhibit B: Agreements with Other Parties/Joint Bidding Arrangements

Although the Company has had discussions with several other companies in the telecommunications industry concerning potential strategic partnerships in a range of different general business categories, the Company has no agreements or arrangements and has had no discussions with any parties regarding bid pricing or bidding strategies for licenses in the upcoming suction.

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# Exhibit C: Status as a Very Small Business

Progeny LMS, LLC certifies that it qualifies as a very small business. The applicant was established as an entity on July 2, 1996 but has been inactive and has had no revenue to date.

Progeny LMS, LLC	Gross Revenues
1996	\$0
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Average for the preceding 3 years	\$0

Progeny Post, LLC, as the sole owner in Progeny LMS, LLC, also certifies that it qualifies as a very small business. Progeny Post, LLC was established as an entity on April 17, 1996 to develop business opportunities in several different areas and to date has had only minimal gross revenues for the last three years as follows:

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Average for the preceding 3 years	\$4,939.33

None of the entities in which Progeny Post, LLC has an equity interest has had any revenue in the preceding three years.

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March 24, 1999

Mr. Randy Tobias Chairman Emeritus Eli Lilly 500 East 96<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46240

Dear Mr. Tobias,

Nick Frenzel and I appreciated your interest in our wireless project, so I just wanted to drop you a line to fill you in on our progress and share a few thoughts with you. We have made significant progress in the last couple of months and want to sustain the momentum we have created as we pursue some critical strategic partners.

I believe the last time we spoke we were beginning to meet with wireless carriers to outline our solution to the FCC mandate on E911 location and were preparing to participate in the FCC auction of the LMS frequencies. We've now had several successful meetings with all of the top wireless communications companies regarding our solution, which has been well received. However, it had become evident during these meetings that a national footprint for our wireless network was critical to being considered seriously as a viable alternative. To be honest, we couldn't have hoped for a better outcome. After two weeks of bidding at the auction, which ended on March 5, we succeeded in securing nationwide coverage by acquiring 230 licenses (all major economic areas with populations of 500,000 or more) representing over 225 million pops. And at \$2.36 million (funded by Nick), the cost was significantly lower than we allocated in our Business Plan and Financial Projections.

Since the auction closed, we have received a number of positive and encouraging responses from many of the companies with whom we've met, which has confirmed how valuable a nationwide set of frequencies is to our prospective partners and our overall business plan. We have also had several additional opportunities since then to make presentations to potentially significant partners. However, while we have made good progress moving up the ladder in these organizations and have continued to have good dialogue, we are still a couple of steps away from the top decision maker in most companies. Reaching the right people at each company will be one of our top priorities now.

As you may recall, our business model relies heavily on strategic partnerships in several key areas. Now that we've finished with the auction process, another top priority is to begin finalizing the more critical pieces of our strategic partnership plan, with particular focus on the technology (Motorola, Alcatel, Qualcomm) and tower co-location (AT&T, Sprint, GTE, etc.) partners. We believe our strategic partnership model has some creative elements that potential partners will find quite attractive. The key features of this partnership model have been presented in general terms with several of the potential strategic partners, and they have all reacted positively to the concept. A short outline of the partnership model is attached.

I really appreciate the time you have spent with us and would like to thank you again for the effort you made on our behalf with Dan Hesse and Craig McCaw. At this juncture in the development of our business, your insight to and contacts in the industry would be invaluable to us. Your background and experience are exactly what we need to efficiently reach the next level. Your reaction to our strategic partnership plan and your comments on its feasibility in a large corporate setting would be particularly helpful as we begin our next level of negotiations. Calls from you on our behalf to a select group of additional companies would help strengthen our position with those companies where we are already well received at lower levels. I know you

are very busy, but we could really use your help. Of course, I would want to work out some form of compensation that would allow you to participate in the success we will have as a result of your efforts.

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I would like the opportunity to discuss this further at your convenience. I hope everything is going well and you are enjoying all you are doing. Thanks again for your time and interest. I hope to be speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Curtis L. Tohnson President & CEO

Cc: Nick Frenzel

# PROGENY LMS, LLC Strategic Partnership Model

The following is a brief sketch of the organizational and financial models we have put together. Separate Limited Liability Companies will be established for spectrum, technology, co-location and manufacturing parmers. Each company will receive licensing royalties on all revenue generated by Progeny LMS. The strategic partner in each company will receive a baseline equity position that will provide them a 35% internal rate of return on their "investment" which will consist of cash, services or some combination of both. In addition, each partner will receive an equity enhancement that will bring their effective position to 49% of the Company. The equity enhancement will be subject to a call by Progeny LMS within 5 years at a cost equal to one-half the strategic partner's investment. As a result of the equity enhancement, the actual return to the partner is significantly higher than the 35% baseline. Since the calculated return is based only on operational cash flows from the conservative revenue projected for Progeny LMS and does not include an exit payment as part of the valuation, the ultimate return is expected to be even higher.

The strategic partnership model will allow us to build out the infrastructure for the business at a dramatically lower cost than trying to buy and build all the pieces ourselves. Except for the spectrum partner, each partner will be contributing services whose internal costs are substantially lower than what it would cost us to purchase. Using a fixed royalty in a separate entity helps Progeny better manage its overall costs.

More detail on the Technology and Tower Co-Location partnership categories follows. This same format and concept is being used for the Spectrum and Manufacturing partnership categories.

#### Technology |

Progeny LMS Contribution. Progeny agrees to contribute to LMS Technology Partners, LLC, its 50% ownership in LMS Communet, LLC that holds rights to the LMS technology and other related intellectual property. Progeny agrees to acquire the balance of the ownership in LMS Communet, LLC by paying the \$3.5 million option price exclusively available to Progeny. That remaining 50% will then be contributed to LMS Technology Partners, LLC as part of Progeny's contribution. Additionally, all work completed and in progress with respect to the upgrading of the technology will be transferred to LMS Technology Partners, LLC.

## Technology Partner Contribution. The Technology Partner agrees to:

- Provide design and engineering services required to update the technology and produce a
  prototype to a demonstration level.
- Create a chip/chip set that can be incorporated into a wireless phone.
- Fund the cost of contract labor for original system programmers and engineers to support the refreshing process (estimated to be approximately \$250,000)
- Design all network infrastructure equipment and produce and manage specifications for all end-user equipment manufacturers.

The technology partner will have no responsibility for other costs to deploy the network, manufacture or install the equipment, develop the markets or build out other components of the infrastructure.

Valuation of Contributions. The Technology Partner's contribution will be valued on the following basis:

- A 35% internal rate of return over a five-year period will be used as the Technology Partner's return
  objective.
- The assigned cost of the Technology Partner's contribution will be based on the internal cost of its
  design and engineering time, including a fair and reasonable allocation of overhead, plus other
  direct costs, including the contract labor fees.
- Licensing rees of \$.125 per unit per month will be assumed for all location units.
- A reasonable penetration rate over a five-year period will be assumed for location units sold.

The equity allocation required to meet the 35% return objective will serve as the baseline equity of the Technology Partner. This baseline equity position will be adjusted to 49% during the recovery period term.

# Progeny LMS Contribution. Progeny agrees to provide:

- Location functionality to the partner at a reduced price
- Licensing royalties on all other Progeny LMS location revenue
- Equity in this entity as outlined below
- Rights to the frequencies required by the sites of operating the system
- Installation, Maintenance and Management of the system's transmit sites
- Use of the technology for other location technologies that may be offered by the partner

Progeny also agrees to contribute to LMS Tower Partners, LLC all work completed and in progress with respect to the siting and location of its receive equipment. Progeny will execute a royalty licensing agreement with LMS Tower Partners for use of the towers in all applications being developed by Progeny. Additionally, Progeny LMS, LLC will execute agreements between LMS Tower Partners, LLC and its other location service partners in technology updating, spectrum management, product distribution and marketing. These agreements will provide for exclusive use of each partner's products and services in the deployment of the network and development of the location services.

# Tower Partner Contribution. The Tower Partner agrees to:

- Provide rent free co-location on all partner owned/leased tower sites.
- · Install and maintain all Progeny LMS receive equipment at the sites

The tower partner will have no responsibility for other costs to deploy the network, manufacture or install the equipment, develop the markets or build out other components of the infrastructure.

# Valuation of Contributions. The Tower Partner's contribution will be valued on the following basis:

- A 35% internal rate of return over a five-year period will be used as the Tower Partner's return objective.
- The assigned cost of the Tower Partner's contribution will be based on the internal cost of its time
  for equipment installation and an estimate of the annual cost of its maintenance during the first five
  years of operation, net present valued at an annual rate of 20% including a fair and reasonable
  allocation of overhead, plus other direct costs.
- Licensing fees of \$.075 per unit per month will be assumed for all location units.
- A reasonable penetration rate over a five-year period will be assumed for location units sold.

The equity allocation required to meet the 35% return objective will serve as the baseline equity of the Tower Partner. This baseline equity position will be adjusted to 49% during the recovery period term.

#### Exhibit 3

The following cases are either cited in the instant Petition text, or further support precedents cited in said text. Sections from the cased included below, in addition to what is included in the Petition text, are given here for convenience and additional context.

The cases listed below, with regard to their holding cited in this Petition, have not been reversed.

Superior Oil and McKay control in the matters for which they are cited in the instant Petition.

## **Superior Oil**

Superior Oil Co. v. Udall, 409 F.2d 1115 (D.C. Cir. 1969) ("Superior Oil") (footnotes deleted, underlining added):

Having in mind the large sums involved, the large public interest in precision . . . the sale of public land leases, and in the careful procedures called for, the bidders and the public have a substantial interest in certainty. This underlies the detailed procedures provided in the regulations. . . .

. . . Thus, the deficiency in Union's bid cannot be waived, nor can it be supplied after the time for receipt of the bids." . . .

The Secretary's staff has acknowledged the importance of strict adherence to procedure, ruling in another case "The responsibility for filing a proper offer is the offeror's. Only by rigid enforcement of the rules can the Department insure orderly procedure and fairness to all applicants."...

The Secretary points to the fact that Union's bid will produce approximately two million dollars more in immediate revenue for the government. Obviously this is of substantial importance. By the same token it may well be that if the Secretary now rejected all bids and began anew, the bidders, having exposed their interest and evaluation of the leases, might decide to submit higher bids on a new notice of sale. However there are other significant considerations which must be weighed and which have important implications beyond this particular transaction; they are factors which affect the integrity of the entire governmental program of selling oil leases on public lands and indirectly indeed the whole process of making public contracts . . . . In the area of public contracts where billions are involved in public building, an accretion to the government of even two million dollars can be a manifestation of a short-sighted "penny-wise, pound-foolish" policy if it is allowed to control all decisions.

The Secretary's concern over the differential between Union and Superior is understandable but we think it misses the <u>central legal issues</u> and the <u>important public policy underlying strict rules in bidding</u>. It is also very important that <u>bidders who comply faithfully and scrupulously with bidding regulations should</u> not in effect be penalized by the errors of less careful bidders who fail to follow

<u>correct procedures</u>. This would be a consequence of the Secretary's now casting out all bids and beginning again because of the infirmity in Union's bid.

The requirement of steadfast compliance with competitive bidding procedures comports best with the need to promote the integrity of the bidding process. Although such a stance may entail some limitation on the Secretary's discretion, it seems clear that this is an indispensable ingredient to the maintenance of competitive bidding processes which will engender public confidence and that of persons dealing with the Government.

For similar reasons we <u>reject the argument that Union's "deficiency" may be cured</u> . . . . We hold that in the context of competitive bidding the Secretary may not resuscitate an unsigned bid either by construing the regulations or by relying on general principles of Government contract law.

. . . .

The only remaining question is the propriety of the District Court's ordering the Secretary to issue the lease to Superior [the qualified bidder who did not violate the rules]. . . . 43 U.S.C. § 1337(a) (1964), provides that the Secretary of the Interior "is authorized to grant to the highest responsible qualified bidder by competitive bidding.". . . The use of the word "authorized" indicates that the Secretary has discretion in granting leases and is not required to do so. He might for example have rejected all bids on the ground that none was in the public interest, but if this had been indicated it was a decision which he was obliged to make at the time, not as an afterthought with the result that Union and other bidders would have "another bite at the apple." It seems clear on this record that had Union submitted no bid at all [in FCC auction context, by disqualification prior to the auction due to a defective short form], Superior would have been awarded this lease as the highest responsible qualified bidder. . . . It would be plainly inequitable to Superior and damaging to the long range public interest in the integrity of the bidding process to allow Union [the applicant with the defective application], whose error has created this problem, to have a second opportunity to bid against Superior and all other bidders.

#### McKay

In McKay v. Wahlenmaier, 226 F.2d 35 (D.C. Cir. 1955) ("McKay"),<sup>2</sup> the DC Circuit reversed a decision by the Secretary of Interior that failed to disqualify a wining lottery application (for oil

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This same court, in a recent 2003 case involving FCC auctions and bidding credits (but not DE bidding credits under strict rules), *Biltmore v. FCC*, 321 F. 3d 155, cited this *McKay* decision as well as its *Superior Oil* decision cited below as still-good law (emphasis added):

The Commission is, of course, correct in pointing out that the [true and correct] family certification is not among those required pursuant to  $\S1.2105$ , the omission of which incurably disqualifies the applicant as specified in  $\cong 1.2105(b)(1)...$  In

and gas leases on public lands) that was defective under applicable regulation in circumstances materially the same as in the instant case (footnotes deleted, underlining added):

Culbertson['s] . . . . application was defective and . . . was filed in an inherently unfair situation which would have caused it to be <u>rejected had the real situation</u> been disclosed before the drawing. . . . The alleged disqualifying factors are:

- (a) that Culbertson <u>failed to reveal his indirect interest</u> in his corporation's federal leases, in <u>violation of the regulation which required the revelation</u>;
- (b) that, contrary to the Department's established policy of giving every applicant an equal chance, Culbertson had more than one chance because of the collusive filing of three related applications; and
- (c) that Culbertson swore <u>falsely that he applied only for himself</u>, when he had actually applied on behalf of his corporation. . . .
- ... The Secretary's refusal to cancel on the first of the three grounds enumerated above was either caused by confusion or was arbitrary and capricious action. In either event he erred, and unjustly deprived [the competing applicant] Wahlenmaier . . . .

## **Trompex**

*Trompex Corporation*, 16 FCC Rcd 18874, ¶¶ 2-4 (WTB Commercial Wireless Division 2001) (disqualifying winning bidder after receipt of that bidder's long-form application based on the fact that an unreported transfer of control occurred at some time after the filing deadline for the short-form application).

Order on Reconsideration in Trompex Corporation ("Trompex")<sup>3</sup> (emphasis added):

2. In order to bid for licenses in a Commission auction, an interested party must timely file an application, known as a "short-form application," . . . . A potential bidder may modify its short-form application to reflect, among other things, changes in ownership at any time before or during an auction, <u>provided that such a change does not result in a change in control of the applicant.</u> If the change in ownership does result in a change in control of the applicant, the modification is deemed a <u>major amendment</u> to the application, which [with other major

... [McKay and Superior Oil] we reversed the Secretary of the Interior's award of a lease based upon an incurably defective application. . . . In this case . . . [b]ecause the family [true and correct] certification was not required by §1.2105, the omission could be cured.

Since cited in *Biltmore*, *McKay* and *Superior Oil* have not been cited in any other US court decision. The fundamental holdings in McKay and Superior Oil are controlling precedent on matters for which they are cited herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> DA 03-636, released March 6, 2003. 18 FCC Rcd 3286

modifications] is not allowed after the initial filing <u>date</u>, and the application <u>will</u> be dismissed.6 . . . .

- 3. At the close of an auction, if an entity is the winning bidder for a license, it then must submit a more detailed application, known as a "long-form application." 7 The Commission uses the information provided on the long-form application, to determine if the winning bidder is qualified to hold the license(s) and, if applicable, whether it is eligible for a bidding credit. . . .
- 4. . . . At the close of the auction, the Commission released a public notice that announced, inter alia, that Trompex was the winning bidder for 51 929 MHz B block licenses . . . .
- 5. Trompex never filed a long-form application. Instead, another entity, Supra, filed a long-form application requesting that the Commission grant it the 51 licenses for which Trompex was the winning bidder in the auction.15 Trompex's short-form application made no mention of Supra. Supra's long-form application referenced Trompex at two points, when it listed Trompex's gross revenues along with its own,16 and when it stated, in one of the application's exhibits, that: "since the auction, Trompex Corporation has since [sic] designated Supra Telecommunications & Information Systems, Inc. as the real party in interest to continue with the licenses."17
- 6. On October 25, 2001, the Policy and Rules Branch of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Commercial Wireless Division ("Branch") released an order addressing Trompex's qualification to acquire the 51 licenses for which it was the winning bidder in Auction No. 26 and Supra's long-form application for those licenses. Noting that Supra had not filed a short-form application to participate in Auction No. 26, we determined that Supra's use of Trompex's taxpayer identification number ("TIN")18 to file its long-form application, coupled with a change of name and ownership of the applicant for the 51 licenses, was evidence that an unauthorized transfer of control occurred after the shortform filing deadline.19 Because such a change in control is considered a "major amendment" to a short-form application made after the initial short-form filing deadline, we concluded that Trompex and Supra violated section 1.1205(b)(2) and (c)(2) of the Commission's rules.20 Therefore, we found Trompex to be disqualified to acquire the 51 licenses for which it was the winning bidder in the auction21 and dismissed Supra's long-form application.22 On December 3, 2001, Trompex and Supra jointly filed a petition for reconsideration of our decision.23 \* \* \* \*
- 12. Moreover, the petitioners' actions following Auction No. 26 <u>violated the integrity of the competitive bidding</u>, licensing, and assignment processes that the Commission established to effect proper, administratively-sound assignment of spectrum. When adopting the rules for competitive bidding, the Commission created a process in which potential bidders are <u>allowed to make minor changes to the information provided at the pre-auction stage</u>, but determined that <u>major modifications</u>, including ownership changes or changes in the identification of parties to bidding consortia, would <u>not be allowed</u>.39 <u>In addition to prohibiting</u>

major amendments, the Commission's rules require **ownership and other interest disclosures**, including the identities of other bidders,40 **to allow for transparency** in the competitive bidding process. This transparency levels the playing-field among bidders, which is necessary because such information can affect the actions, strategies, and bids of other bidders.41

- 13.... An elementary concept in distributing licenses through a competitive bidding process is that licenses will be awarded to the winning bidder, which is considered to be the party that values them most highly. The strict enforcement of our rules in this regard ensures that the ultimate purpose of the auction, which is to encourage and facilitate the provision of reliable service to the public, is achieved. . . .
- 14. . . . . The parties already had violated the Commission's auction and licensing rules and could not undo this with more filings. Second, the Commission is under no obligation to seek further clarification from the parties before making a decision based on the information submitted by the parties. In this case, the petitioners brought the decision upon themselves when they attempted to circumvent the normal Commission processes for licensing and assignment of wireless licenses. Both parties are deemed to be aware of the Commission's regulations and procedures, not only from the Commission's rules but also from the various public notices, the bidder information package, and other Commission documents released prior to the filing of the long-form applications. Therefore, we find no unfairness or lack of due process on the part of our decision to disqualify Trompex and dismiss Supra's long-form application.47

## [Footnote 40:]

40 See Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act - Competitive Bidding, PP Docket No. 93-253, Second Memorandum Opinion and Order, 9 FCC Rcd. 7245, 7252, ¶¶ 40, 42 (1994) ("[c]oncealing bidder identities may give an advantage to larger bidders that have the resources to devote to discovering other bidders' identities."). Here, the Commission clearly elected to identify the bidders before and after Auction No. 26. See Auction of 929 and 931 MHz Paging Service Spectrum, Public Notice, 14 FCC Rcd. 18440, 18472 ("bidders will know in advance of this auction the identities of the bidders against which they are bidding."). The Commission likewise made available to all Auction No. 26 bidders the ownership information provided in the short-form applications by other bidders before the auction. Id. at 18453.

44 See BDPCS, Inc., BTA Nos. B008, B036, B055, B110, B133, B149, B261, B298, B331, B347, B358, B391, B395, B407, B413, B447, Frequency Block C, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 21 CR 53115 FCC Rcd 17590, 17598, ¶ 14 (2000). As the House Committee on Energy and Commerce explained, "[a] carefully designed system to obtain competitive bids from competing qualified applicants can speed delivery of services, promote efficient and intensive use of the electromagnetic spectrum, prevent unjust enrichment, and produce revenues to compensate the public for the use of the public airwaves." H.R. Rep. No. 103-111, at 253 (1993), reprinted in 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. 378, 580.

# **Ashbacker**

Under *Ashbacker v. FCC* 325 U.S. 846, 65 S. Ct. 1405, 89 L. Ed. 1969, 1945 U.S. LEXIS 2784 (1945) ("*Ashbacker*") the FCC may not decide on one mutually exclusive application without a hearing on both. Ashbacker is still good law. See, e.g., Crawford v. FCC, 368 U.S. App. D.C. 40.

## ECDC Environmental v. U.S.,

Firstly, in all dealings with governmental agencies such as the FCC, there is an implied obligation on the part of the Agency to ensure fair dealing and competition between the interested parties to a particular Procedure, and in the industry and matters regulated by such an Agency in general.

In *ECDC Environmental v. U.S.*, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims affirmed the above statement and held that when the government solicits proposals or invites bids from interested parties, it enters into an implied-in-fact contract with such parties to treat them fairly and honestly, and to fully and fairly consider all the bids that are submitted.<sup>4</sup> The existence of such an implied contract of fair dealing has been followed and affirmed in several cases such as *IMS Servs. Inc. v. United States*,<sup>5</sup> *United International Investigative Services v. United States* and *Maurice Sporting Goods, Inc.*<sup>6</sup> [Also see *Ingersoll-Rand Co. v. United States of America*<sup>7</sup>]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ECDC Environmental, L. C. v. U. S., 40 Fed. Cl. 236, 241, (Fed. Cl).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> United Intern. Investigative Services, Inc. v. U. S., 41 Fed. Cl. 312, 319 (Fed. Cl.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Maurice Sporting Goods, Inc. v. U. S. Navy Exchange Service Command, 1993 WL 524236, (N. D. Ill., 1993).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ingersoll-Rand Company v. United States of America, 780 F. 2d 74 (C.A.D.C., 1985).

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Today, January 14, 2008, one of the USPS postal workers, who delivers mail to our offices, presented me with and informed me that the copies of the Errata Petition (that included the original Petition for Reconsideration) that I had dropped in a USPS drop-box on January 11, 2008, addressed to the Progeny parties listed on this Certificate, could not be delivered because they exceeded the USPS 13 oz. federal limit on mail, and therefore, prior to mailing the USPS needed to confirm in person that I indeed intended to mail the documents and that they did not contain anything dangerous. Upon my confirming this, the USPS postal worker said that he would now see to the two packages being delivered. A copy of this amended certificate will be filed on ULS and a copy provided to the two

The mailed copy of this amended Certificate of Service being placed into a USPS drop-box today may not be processed by the USPS until the next business day.